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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board Case Control Unit, Suite 713 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re:

Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X), Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment

Exemption -- Portion of the Lake Providence Line

Dear Mr. Williams:

Hereby transmitted to the Board for filing in the above matter are the original and 10 copies of Reply To Request To Establish Conditions And Amount Of Compensation.

Also enclosed is a diskette with a copy of the Reply in Word Perfect 8 format.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. McFarland Attorney for Applicant

Tom McFarland

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cc: Paul Donovan, Esq. William Sippel, Esq. Bobby S. Gilliam, Esq.

Mr. William Wainright



### BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC. -- )
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -- ) DOCKET NO. AB-384
BETWEEN LAKE VILLAGE, AR AND ) (SUB-NO. 1X)
SHELBURN, LA )



### REPLY TO REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS AND AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION

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DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC. P.O. Box 1709 Tallulah, LA 71282

**Applicant** 

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Due Date: January 7, 2005

### BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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### REPLY TO REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS AND AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION

Pursuant to the Board's procedural decision served December 3, 2004, as amended by decision served December 29, 2004, DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC. (DSR) hereby replies to a Request to Establish Conditions and Amount of Compensation (Request) filed in behalf of SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION and MADISON PARISH PORT COMMISSION on December 30, 2004. The parties who filed that Request will be referred to collectively as "Offerors".

### THE SUBJECT RAIL LINE

The subject rail line is 30 miles long. Approximately 22 miles of the line are located in southeastern Arkansas. The line begins near the town of Lake Village, Arkansas, and passes through the town of Eudora, Arkansas. The balance of the line is located in northeastern Louisiana.

The rail line was authorized for abandonment pursuant to the class exemption for out-of-service rail lines at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. Offerors timely filed an offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 U.S.C. § 10904 to purchase the rail line.

### **OVERVIEW**

DSR's valuation of \$982,000 for track materials is more reliable than Offerors' valuation of \$732,325 because DSR's valuation is based on direct evidence in the form of binding, non-contingent offers to purchase those materials on a net basis, whereas Offerors' valuation is based on indirect evidence in the form of an estimate of value made without reference to an actual purchase transaction.

DSR's valuation methodology for land in the rail line right-of-way is unchallenged. DSR has adjusted its land value to exclude value for 10 parcels as to which Offerors have shown that DSR lacks marketable title. As so adjusted, DSR's valuation of \$849,408 for land is more reliable than Offerors' valuation of \$1,000 because DSR's valuation is based on the only valuation evidence of record, and because Offerors failed to sustain their burden to prove that DSR lacks marketable title to the land except as to those 10 parcels.

Accordingly, the Board should find that the net liquidation value (NLV) of the rail line is \$1,831,408, composed of \$982,000 for track materials and \$849,408 for land in the right-of-way.

### **CONTENT OF THIS REPLY**

DSR first identifies the legal standards that govern rail line valuations in OFA proceedings under 49 U.S.C. § 10904. DSR then applies those standards to valuation data for the track materials and right-of-way land in the rail line.

Valuation data appear in exhibits to the verified statement of Mr. William P. Wainright, President of DSR, which is Appendix 1 of this Reply. There is direct evidence of the value of the rail line's track materials in the form of binding, non-contingent offers to purchase those materials on a net basis, which have been accepted by DSR (Appdx. 1, Ex. WPW-1 through WPW-3). Evidence of the value of land in the right-of-way is provided in a detailed real estate appraisal (Appdx. 1, Ex. WPW-4).

A response to Offerors' contention that DSR lacks marketable title to virtually all of the land in the right-of-way is contained in the verified statement of Stephen A. North, Esq., an experienced railroad real estate attorney in the area, which is Appendix 2 of this Reply.

### **ARGUMENT**

### I. LEGAL STANDARDS FOR RAIL LINE VALUATION

Proceedings to set conditions and compensation are governed by the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904 (d)-(f). Under section 10904(f)(1)(B), the Board may not set a price that is below the fair market value of the line. In *Chicago and North Western Transp. Co. - Abandonment*, 363 I.C.C. 956, 958 (1981) (*Lake Geneva Line*), *aff'd sub nom. Chicago and North Western Transp. Co. v. United States*, 678 F.2d 665 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982), it was determined that, in the absence of a higher going concern value for continued rail use, the proper valuation standard in proceedings for offers to purchase under section 10904 is the NLV of the rail properties for their highest and best nonrail use. NLV includes the value of the underlying real estate plus the net salvage value of track and materials.

In OFA proceedings, the burden of proof is on the offeror, as the proponent of the requested relief. *See Lake Geneva Line*, 363 I.C.C. at 961. Placing the burden of proof on the

offeror is particularly appropriate because the offeror may withdraw its offer at any time prior to its acceptance of terms and conditions that the Board establishes pursuant to a party's request.

The rail carrier, on the other hand, is required to sell its line to the offeror at the price set by the Board, even if the railroad views the price as too low.

Because the burden of proof is on the offeror, absent probative evidence supporting the offeror's estimates, the rail carrier's evidence is accepted. In areas of disagreement, the offeror must present more specific evidence or analysis or provide more reliable and verifiable documentation than that which is submitted by the carrier. If the offeror does not present such evidence and/or documentation, then, given the burden of proof and the short deadline provided in the statute, the Board must accept the carrier's estimates. See Burlington Northern Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Sedgwick, Harvey and Reno Counties, KS, 1994 ICC LEXIS 104 and cases cited therein.

The best evidence of NLV of a rail line is direct evidence furnished by an executed sale contract or a written offer without significant contingencies for purchase of the rail line at issue.

Portland Traction Co. -- Aband. Exempt. -- in Multnomah and Clackamus Counties, OR, 1990

ICC LEXIS 16 at \*10-11; The Grand Trunk Western R. Co. -- Aband. -- in Clark, Madison and Fayette Counties, OH, 1990 ICC LEXIS 189 at \*7, n. 8; Burlington Northern R. Co. -- Aband.

Exempt. -- in King County, WA, 1994 ICC LEXIS 57 at \*18, aff'd sub nom. Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern RR v. ICC, 55 F.3d 684 (D.C. Cir. 1995); see, also, The Grand Trunk Western R. Co. -- Aband. -- in Montcalm and Gratiot Counties, MI, 1984 ICC LEXIS 482 at \*7. That principle was most recently reaffirmed in Mississippi-Tennessee Holdings LLC -- Aband. Exempt. -- in

*Union, Pontotoc and Chickasaw Counties, MS*, 2004 STB LEXIS 698, where the Board said (at \*14-15):

A written offer without significant contingencies has been determined to be the best evidence of the net salvage value of the line. *The Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company - Abandonment - in Clark, Madison and Fayette Counties, OH*, Docket No. AB-31 (Sub-No. 29) (ICC served June 26, 1990). Under section 10904, the price we set to compensate a railroad for the forced sale of its assets can be no lower that its fair market value. The written offers submitted by MTH represent the best record evidence of the fair market value for MTH's assets. Accordingly, we will accept the figures submitted by MTH and set the net salvage value for track and materials at \$1,947,007.

### II. APPLICATION OF LEGAL STANDARDS TO VALUATION DATA

### A. TRACK MATERIALS

The last-cited legal principle applies squarely to valuation of the track materials in this proceeding. That is so because there is direct evidence of the value of track materials in the subject rail line in the form of binding, non-contingent offers to purchase those materials on a net basis, which have been accepted by DSR. Specifically, there is a binding, non-contingent offer by Romar & Associates to purchase all rail, other track material (OTM), turnouts and crossties in the rail line for \$950,000. (Appdx. 1, Exh. WPW-1). That offer is on a net basis; that is, the purchaser will be responsible for removing those materials, transporting them to market and for all other costs of disposal. (*Id.*). Similarly, there is a binding, non-contingent offer by Jerry Ramsey Construction, Inc. to purchase all ballast and bridge materials in the rail line for \$32,000 on the same net basis. (Appdx. 1, Exh. WPW-2). DSR has accepted those offers. (Appdx. 1 at 1-2).

Offerors have argued that the Romar purchase offer is not a binding offer because Romar did not identify the quantity of steel in the rail line and the unit price that would be paid for the

steel. (Request at 5). That argument is clearly without merit. It is elementary that the specific quantity and unit price of assets are without legal significance where there is an offer to purchase all assets in a defined area on a lump-sum basis. Consequently, the quantity unit price of steel are immaterial in Romar's lump-sum offer to purchase all steel in the 30-mile rail line. (Appdx. 1 at 2). Romar has clarified the binding nature of its offer. (*Id.*, Exh. WPW-3). Romar has also clarified that its offer includes the cost of restoring the road surface at all grade crossings along the rail line. (*Id.*).

Offerors have provided <u>indirect</u> evidence of the value of track materials in the form of an estimate of value by a track salvage company. (Request, Attach. 2). Mr. Wainright of DSR believes that such estimate of value is defective in a number of respects, but there is no need to consider those defects where, as here, there is direct evidence of value in the form of binding, non-contingent net purchase offers, which have been accepted. (Appdx. 1 at 1-2). That is so because such direct evidence so clearly takes precedence over indirect evidence of value.

Consistently with the unbroken line of decisions cited above, the Board should find that the Romar and Jerry Ramsey purchase offers provide the best evidence of the salvage value of the track materials in the rail line. On that basis, the Board should find that the net salvage value of the track materials in the subject rail line is \$982,000, composed of \$950,000 for rail, OTM, turnouts and crossties and \$32,000 for ballast and bridge materials.

### B. <u>LAND</u>

As evidence of land value, DSR has submitted a detailed real estate appraisal in which the fair market value of the land in the rail line right-of-way is appraised at \$927,000. (Appdx. 1, Ex. WPW-4). That appraisal was provided previously to Offerors in informal discovery.

(Appdx. 1 at 3). Offerors have not challenged the valuation methodology utilized in that appraisal. They have acknowledged the appraiser's qualifications and expertise. (Request at 3). They did not submit any evidence of their own on land valuation per se.

Instead, Offerors have challenged DSR's title to the land. DSR's appraisal is based on marketable title in DSR for all land in the rail line. Offerors contend that DSR has marketable title to only .82 acres of that land, having a value of \$1,000. (Request at 4).

Offerors submitted the affidavit of Mr. J.W. Porter of J.W. Porter and Associates, LLC, Shreveport, LA, as support for their position on land value. (Request, Attach. A). Mr. Porter is engaged in acquiring, leasing and purchasing lands, rights-of-way and oil and gas properties in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. (*Id.*, para. 1). Mr. Porter claims to have worked directly for railroads (*id.*, para. 3), but no railroads were identified, nor did he describe work allegedly performed for railroads.

Mr. Porter stated that based on his review of the recorded instruments relating to land currently occupied by DSR in Arkansas, the grants to DSR's predecessors (except for .82 acres) "were in the form of easements and rights-of-way or were grants for railroad purposes only and that upon abandonment of said railroad line, the railroad would no longer own any interest in and to said properties." (Request, Attach. A, para. 4). Mr. Porter also stated that all of the instruments that granted rights to DSR's predecessors in Louisiana "are designated as rights-of-way as opposed to fee ownership." (*Id.*, para. 5).

As purported support for those statements, Mr. Porter submitted three exhibits. His Exhibit 1 lists 64 recorded deeds that allegedly relate to parcels of land in the rail line in Arkansas. His Exhibit 2 lists 11 recorded deeds that allegedly relate to parcels of land in the rail

line in Louisiana. His Exhibit 3 consists of copies of 11 of those deeds -- 7 relating to parcels of land in Arkansas and 4 relating to parcels of land in Louisiana.

Mr. Porter thus provided actual deeds for only 11 of the 75 parcels of land that allegedly make up the rail line right-of-way, or less than 15 percent of the total. Moreover, as appears *infra*, one of those 11 deeds conveys a parcel of land that is not located within the limits of the 30-mile rail line here at issue. Offerors have argued that Mr. Porter's evidence "conclusively demonstrates" that DSR owns only .82 acres of land in the rail line right-of-way. (Request at 4). Mr. Porter's evidence demonstrates no such thing. Mr. Porter's evidence provides proof of quality of title only as to the 11 parcels of land conveyed by virtue of the deeds in his Exhibit 3, one parcel of which is not located in the involved rail line. Offerors have also argued that the deeds in Mr. Porter's Exhibit 3 are "representative samples of the deeds examined." (Request at 4, note 1). That has not been shown to be true. There is no evidence in the Request that the deeds for any of the other parcels of land in the rail line right-of-way contain provisions the same or similar to the provisions in the deeds submitted as Mr. Porter's Exhibit 3, such that those other deeds could legitimately be found to have conveyed easements rather than fee interests.

Offerors have the burden to prove that DSR does not have marketable title to land in the rail line right-of-way. That burden has not been sustained by virtue of evidence in Offerors' Request, except as to the 10 parcels of land in the subject rail line for which deeds were submitted in Mr. Porter's Exhibit 3. Resolution of the title issue in this proceeding is governed by the Board's recent resolution of an indistinguishable issue in *Mississippi Tennessee Holdings*, LLC -- Aband. Exempt. -- in Union, Pontotoc and Chickasaw Counties, MS, supra. In that case, the offeror submitted copies of four deeds that it claimed were samples of deeds showing that the

rail carrier holds an easement interest rather than fee title to 56 percent of the land in the rail line right-of-way. (2004 STB LEXIS 698 at \*6-7). There was no showing that the land covered by those four deeds constituted 56 percent of the land in the rail line right-of-way. In finding that the offeror had failed to prove that the rail carrier lacked marketable title to 56 percent of the right-of-way land, the Board said (*id.* at \*11-12):

HB has the burden of showing that MTH lacks marketable title for 56% of the property. *Burlington Northern Railroad Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- in Snohomish County, WA*, Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 375X) (STB served Mar. 11, 1996). HB has not met its burden...

...(T)he four deeds that HB submitted to support its assertion are inconclusive... Even if the four deeds relate to the line and could be interpreted to establish easements for the properties, they are insufficient to support HB's claim that 56% of the right-of-way is held as easement.

In accordance with the reasoning in that recent Board decision, proof of the quality of title to parcels of land covered by the deeds in Mr. Porter's Exhibit 3 is legally insufficient to establish the quality of title to parcels of land not covered by those deeds and for which the deeds themselves were not placed in evidence.

DSR has submitted the verified statement of Stephen A. North, Esq., on the issue of title to land in the right-of-way. (Appdx. 2 hereto). Unlike Offerors' witness on railroad title, Mr. North is an attorney-at-law. Mr. North has better credentials than Offerors' witness to testify about quality of title to railroad land by virtue of having acted as General Counsel of DSR since Mr. Wainright acquired DSR approximately five years ago. (Appdx. 2 at 1; Appdx. 1 at 4),

DSR does not contend that only an attorney is qualified to testify about the quality of title to railroad land, but we do contend that an attorney is more qualified in that respect than a non-attorney.

whereas Offerors' witness has not identified any experience in matters affecting title to railroad land.

Mr. North agrees with Offerors' witness that the 11 deeds attached as Exhibit 3 of that witness's affidavit establish that DSR does not have marketable title to the 11 parcels of land covered by those deeds. (Appdx. 2 at 2). However, Mr. North determined that one of those deeds conveyed a parcel of land that is not located in the 30-mile rail line here at issue. (*Id.*). Mr. North determined that a fair market value of \$77,592 for the other 10 parcels was included in Mr. Lowe's total appraised land value. The adjusted total fair market value of land in the rail line right-of-way is \$849,408 after exclusion of that value for those 10 parcels. (\$927,000 minus \$77,592 = \$849,408).

Mr. North strongly disagrees with Offerors' contention that Mr. Porter's evidence establishes that DSR does not have marketable title to all but two small parcels of land in the right-of-way. (Appdx. 2 at 2-3). The basis for Offerors' contention is that inasmuch as the deeds in Mr. Porter's Exhibit 3 (which concededly convey easement interests) contain the terms "right-of-way" and/or "for railroad purposes," all of the other deeds (except two) also convey easements because they, too, contain the terms "right-of-way" and/or "for railroad purposes."

Mr. North has shown that Offerors' contention is refuted by Arkansas and Louisiana law. Mr. North has cited authority under Arkansas and Louisiana law that use of the terms "right-of-way" and/or "for railroad purposes" does not preclude a determination that a deed conveys ownership in fee. (Appdx. 2 at 3, and decisions there cited). In order to determine whether a particular deed conveys a fee interest or an easement, it is necessary to give consideration to all terms and conditions that appear in the deed, including the context in which

the terms "right-of-way" or "for railroad purposes" are used. (Id.). That is not possible as to the

deeds other than those in Mr. Porter's Exhibit 3 inasmuch as those deeds were not placed in

evidence. In any event, contrary to Offerors' contention, it cannot be legitimately concluded

under Arkansas and Louisiana law that those other deeds convey easement interests merely

because the terms "right-of-way" or "easement" may appear somewhere in those deeds.

**CONCLUSION AND REQUESTED RELIEF** 

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated, the Board should find that the net liquidation value

of the subject rail line is \$1,831,408, composed of \$982,000 for track materials and \$849,408 for

land in the right-of-way.

Respectfully submitted,

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Due Date: January 7, 2005

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### **VERIFIED STATEMENT OF WILLIAM P. WAINRIGHT**

My name is William P. Wainright. I am President of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR). DSR is a Class III rail carrier headquartered at Tallulah, LA. DSR has been authorized in this proceeding to abandon a 30-mile segment of rail line between Lake Village, Arkansas and Shelburn, Louisiana ("the subject rail line"). An offer of financial assistance (OFA) to purchase the subject rail line was filed in behalf of Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Lake Providence Port Commission and Madison Parish Port Commission (referred to collectively as "Offerors"). In view of the filing of that OFA, I arranged for a valuation of the subject rail line.

In valuing the track materials in the subject rail line, I requested and obtained several offers from reputable dealers in track materials for purchase of those materials. In behalf of DSR, I have accepted a purchase offer (Bid #1) that was submitted in behalf of Romar & Associates of Houston, Texas to purchase all track material in the subject rail line (i.e., rail, OTM, turnouts and crossties) for \$950,000. That purchase offer is on a net basis. The offer includes removal of the track materials, as well as transportation and all other costs of disposition. The Romar purchase offer is reflected in a letter to me from Mr. Steven R. Sykes of Romar, dated December 17, 2004. A copy of that letter is attached to this statement as Exhibit WPW-1. A copy of that letter was provided to Offerors in informal discovery.

In behalf of DSR, I have also accepted a purchase offer that was submitted in behalf of Jerry W. Ramsey Construction, Inc. of Crossett, Arkansas to purchase all of the ballast and bridge materials in the subject rail line for a total of \$32,000. That purchase offer is also on a net

basis. It includes removal of the ballast and bridge materials, as well as transportation and all other costs of disposition. The Ramsey purchase offer is reflected in a letter to me from Mr. Jerry Ramsey, dated December 16, 2004. A copy of that letter is attached to this statement as Exhibit WPW-2. A copy of that letter was also provided to Offerors.

I have reviewed the Request to Establish Conditions and Amount of Compensation filed in behalf of the Offerors on December 30, 2004. At page 5 of that document, the Offerors allege that the Romar letter does not constitute a binding offer because it does not identify the quantity of scrap steel covered by the offer or the price per ton that would be paid. That allegation has no merit. The Romar offer is a binding offer to pay a lump-sum of \$950,000 for whatever quantity of steel is contained in the subject rail line. In order to remove all doubt that its offer is binding, Romar has submitted a revised letter dated January 3, 2005 stating that "(t)his above binding offer is good until January 28th, 2005." A copy of that revised letter is attached to this statement as Exhibit WPW-3. The revised Romar letter estimates that there is a total of approximately 5,700 tons of steel in the subject rail line, but the offer is not contingent on the quantity of tonnage in the line. I note that the quantity of steel tonnage estimated in the revised Romar letter is comparable to (actually somewhat less than) the 5,776 tons of steel estimated by the Offerors (Request at 5). The revised Romar letter also clarifies that Romar's offer of \$950,000 includes the cost to restore the 13 road crossings on the subject rail line.

I have read the affidavit of Mr. Wyly Gilfoil, which is Attachment B of the Offerors' Request. The valuation in the Gilfoil affidavit is based on an estimate of value of track materials in Louisiana that was provided by A&K Railroad Materials, Inc. There are numerous defects in

the A&K estimate that I could detail here, but I have been advised by counsel that it is unnecessary to do so where, as here, there are binding purchase offers that establish the value of the track materials on a direct basis.

Based on the binding, non-contingent purchase offers submitted by Romar and Ramsey, which DSR has accepted, the Board should find that the track materials in the subject rail line have a net salvage value of \$982,000 (\$950,000 by Romar + \$32,000 by Ramsey = \$982,000).

In valuing the land in the right-of-way in the rail line, I obtained an appraisal by Robert W. Lowe of Robert Lowe & Associates, Inc., of Winnsboro, Louisiana. Attached to this statement as Exhibit WPW-4 is a copy of the Lowe appraisal determining that such land has a fair market value of \$927,000 as of November 5, 2004. A copy of that appraisal was provided to Offerors in informal discovery.

I note that Offerors have acknowledged that "Mr. Lowe is plainly a qualified appraiser, and his expertise is not challenged." (Request at 3). Valuation methodology utilized by Mr. Lowe has not been challenged by Offerors.

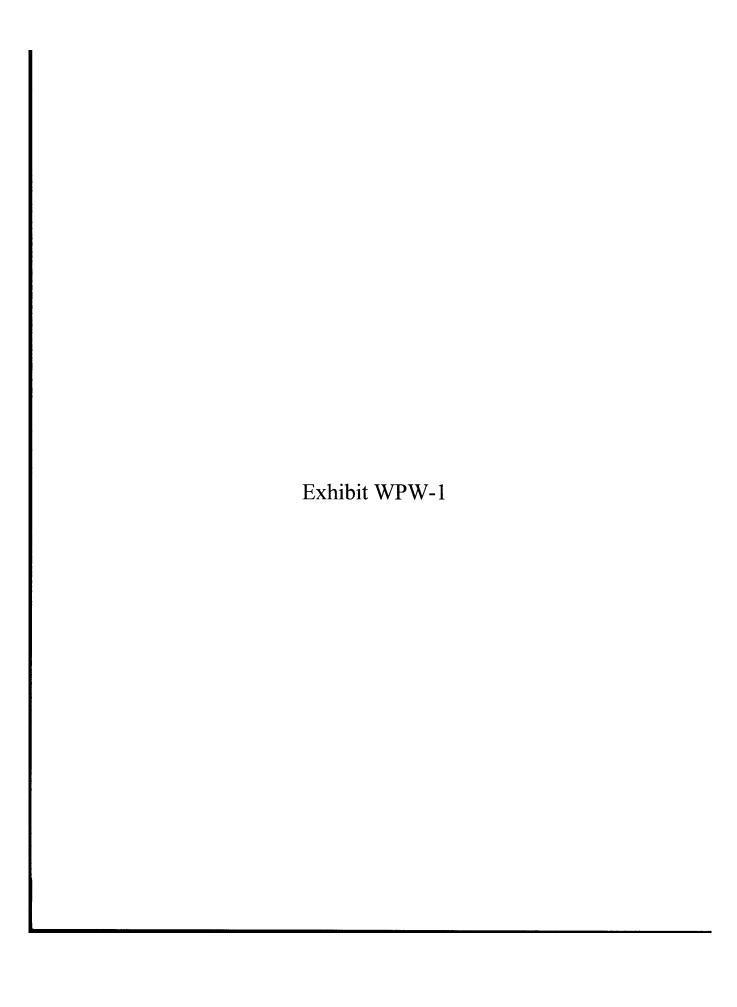
However, Offerors have alleged that Mr. Lowe's appraisal is based on the assumption that DSR has marketable title to all parcels of land in the subject right-of-way whereas, in fact, DSR's title is marketable only as to less than one acre of the 392.5 acres in the rail line. (Request at 4, Attach. A). On that basis, Offerors allege that the land to which DSR has marketable title has a value of only \$1,000. (Request at 4).

Offerors are correct that Mr. Lowe assumed marketable title, but they are incorrect that DSR lacks marketable title to virtually all of the land in the right-of-way. I referred the latter

issue to Stephen A. North, Esq., of Hudson, Potts & Bernstein, Monroe, Louisiana, an experienced attorney in matters of title to railroad land. Mr. North acts as DSR's General Counsel. He is very familiar with DSR's rail line assets. In fact, Mr. North was personally involved when I acquired ownership of DSR approximately five years ago. Mr. North is submitting a verified statement in this proceeding that refutes the Offerors' contention that DSR lacks marketable title to almost all of the subject rail line.

Based on Mr. North's acknowledgment that Offerors have proven that DSR lacks marketable title to 11 parcels of right-of-way land in the subject rail line, constituting 64.66 acres that were valued by Mr. Lowe at a total of \$77,592, the land in the subject rail line has a total value of \$849,408 (\$927,000 minus \$77,592 = \$849,408).

In overall summary, the Board should find that the net liquidation value of the subject rail line is \$1,831,408, composed of \$982,000 for track materials and \$849,408 for right-of-way land.



## romar & associates

December 17, 2004

Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. P.O. Box 1709 Madison Parish Port Tellulah, LA 71284-1709 Atm: William P. Wainright

Mr. Wainright,

Romar & Associates would like to submit the following bid proposal for the purchase and removal of railroad track material located on your lines between MP 433 (just south of lake Village) to MP 463 (just north of Shelburn).

Bid #1 - Removal of ALL track material (Rail, OTM, T/O's & Crossties) Romar & Assoc. will pay DSR: \$950,000.00

Bid #2 - Removal of ALL metallic only (Rail, OTM, & T/O's) Romar & Assoc. will pay DSR: \$990,000,00

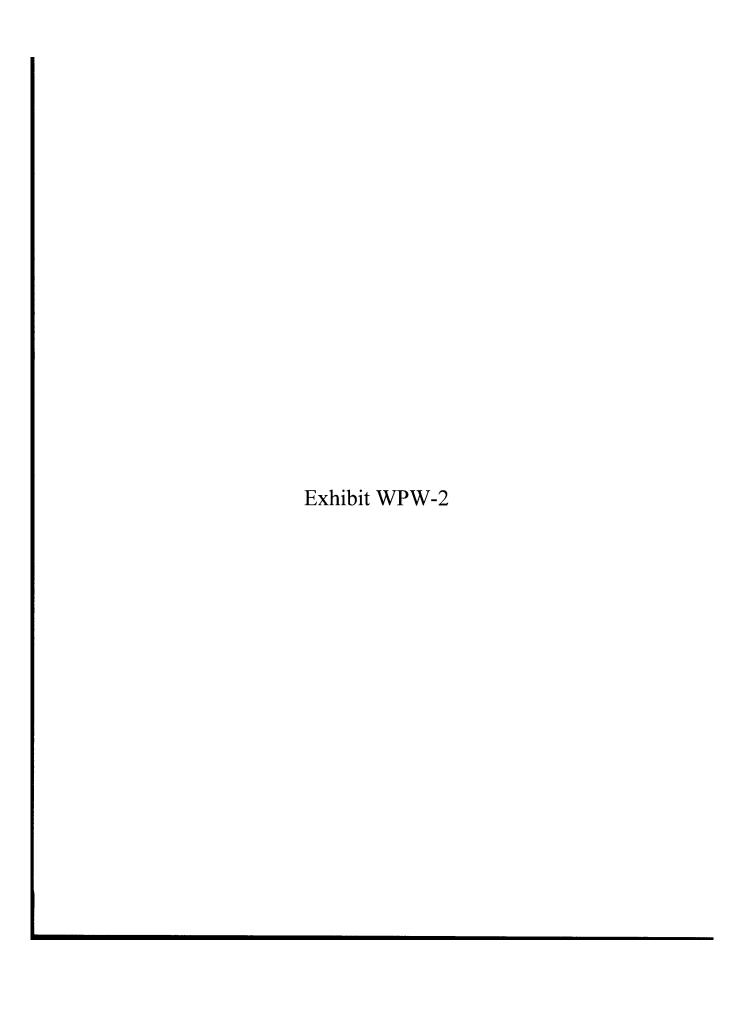
Bid is based on current market conditions. Romar and Assoc, will deliver payment within 10 days of approval from Delta Southern and STB to begin work. This above offer is good until January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

If you have any questions please contact me at the following: Steven R. Sykes
Romar & Associates
713 455-1381 office
713 455-6296 fax
832 250-7187 mobile

Sincerely,

Stoven R. Sykes





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Jerry W. Ramsey Construction, Inc P.O. Box 1556 Crossett, AR 7 1635 Phone 870-364-8654 Fax 870-304-2330

December 16, 2004

Delta Southern Railroad

Attn: Bill Wainright

Bid for rock on the Delta Southern Railroad between mile markers 433 and 463. We will furnish all labor, equipment, etc. to remove rock on railroad. We propose to pay Delta Southern Railroad \$30,000.00 for the rock.

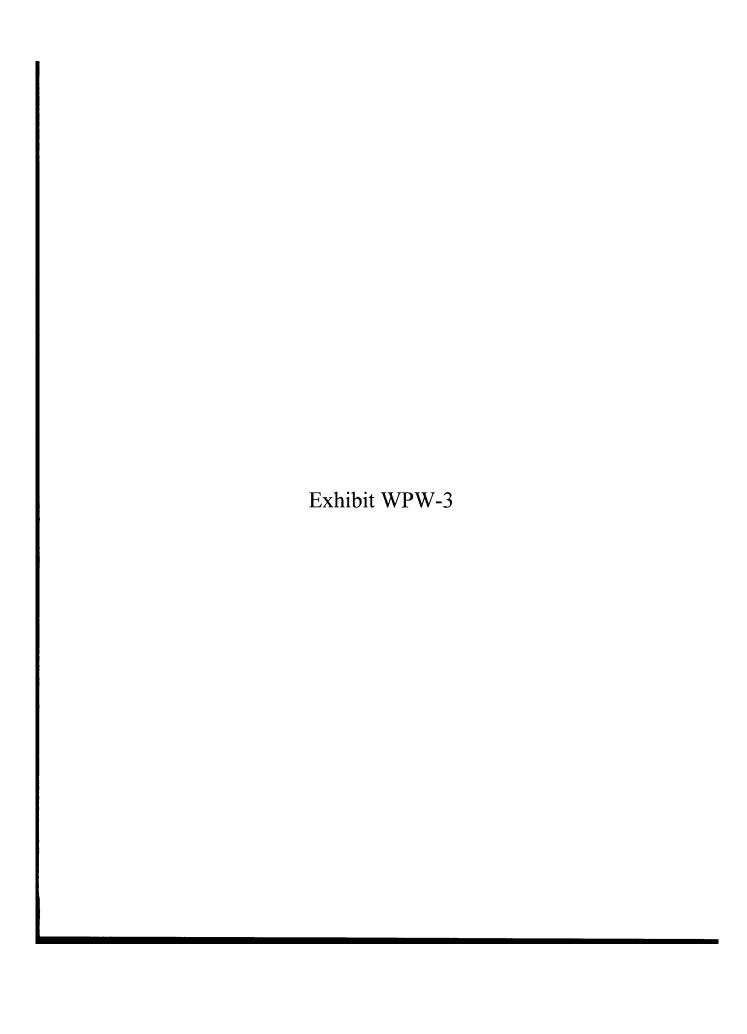
We propose to pay Delta Southern Railroad \$2,000.00 for the seven bridges we will remove and retain salvage.

Removal of bridges is to go with contract for rock or rock contract can be alone. But not for removal of bridges alone.

This offer is good until April 1, 2005.

Sincerely,

Jerry Ramsey



# romar & associates

January 3, 2005 (Revised Letter)

Dalta Southern Railroad, Inc. P.O. Box 1709 Madison Parish Port Tallulah, I.A 71284-1709 Atto: William P. Wainright

Mr. Wainright,

Remar & Associates would like to submit the following bid proposal for the purchase and removal of railroad track material located on your lines between MP 433 (just south of Lake Village) to MP 463 (just north of Shelburn).

Bid #1 - Removal of ALL track material (Rail, OTM, T/O's & Crossties) estimated at 5700 NT scrap steel, Romar & Assoc. will pay DSR: \$ 950,000.00

Bid #2 - Removal of ALL metallic only (Rail, OTM, & T/O's) estimated at 5700 NT scrap steel, Romar & Assoc. will pay DSR: \$990,000.00

Romar & Associates' bid reflected the restoration of 13 road crossings.

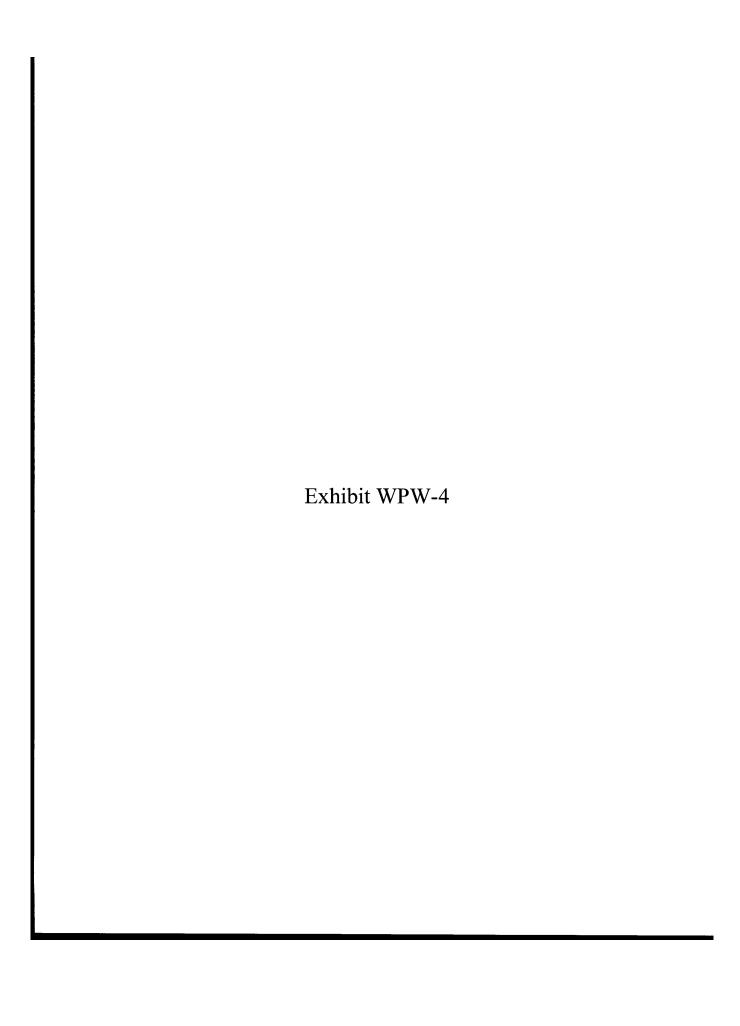
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Sincerely,

Steven R. Sykes





COMPLETE SUMMARY APPRAISAL REPORT OF:
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED
IN EAST CARROLL PARISH, LOUISIANA
AND
CHICOT COUNTY, ARKANSAS
FROM 463MM TO 433 MM
OWNED BY
DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD

### **APPRAISAL REPORT OF:**

## A TRACT OF LAND CONSISTING 30 MILES OWNED BY DELTA SOUTHERN RAILROAD EXTENDING NORTH OF LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA TO LAKE VILLAGE, AR.

### THIS A COMPLETE APPRAISAL IN A SUMMARY REPORT FORMAT

PREPARED FOR:

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 

**NOVEMBER 5, 2004** 

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November 11, 2004

Bill Wainright Delta Southern Railroad P.O. Box 1709 Tallulah, LA 71284

Re:

Appraisal of railroad property owned by Delta Southern Railroad from 463MM to 433MM located in East Carroll Parish, LA and Chicot County, AR.

Dear Mr. Wainright:

As per your request, I have made a physical inspection of the referenced property owned by Delta Southern Railroad, on October 29, 2004, and on November 5, 2004, located in East Carroll Parish, LA and Chicot County, AR. The purpose of this appraisal is to determine an estimated market value to be used for by Delta Southern Railroad and Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. in establishing a marketable selling price for the property.

The value set forth in this report is market value. The definition of the term "Market Value" is included in the report and is the same definition as found in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices. The subject property has been valued in fee simple estate Please note the assumptions and limiting conditions found in the addenda of this report.

To allow the reader of this report to help understand the subject property, I have broken the subject property into three tracts. Tract I is the farmland that extends from 463 MM to 433 MM. Tract II is the property that extends through Eudora, Arkansas, approximately two miles. Tract III is property located in the City of Lake Village, Arkansas, south of 433MM to U.S. 65. These three tracts of property have been estimated to have three different type of uses and value as noted in the report.

The value determined for the subject property does not include any value for equipment or materials, such as railroad rails, railroad cross ties and rock.

Arkansas requires appraisers to place a seal on their appraisal work. At the present time I do not have my Arkansas seal, but a letter in the addenda from the Arkansas Licensing & Certification Board has qualified me as an appraiser in a Federally Related Transaction. A copy of my Arkansas Certificate is located in the addenda of this report. Louisiana does not require appraisers to place a seal on their appraisal work.

By reason of my investigation, analysis contained in this report, experience gained through appraising agricultural, commercial and residential properties and education in the real estate appraising profession, it is my opinion that the estimated market value of the subject property as of November 5, 2004, was as follows:

Tract I - 362.50 acres (Agricultural Farmland)	@ \$1,200/acre =	\$435,000
Tract II - 1,174,750 SF (Eudora) 26.97 acres	@ \$.26/SF =	\$305,000
Tract III - 132,000 SF (Lake Village) 3.03 acres	@ \$1.42/SF =	\$187,000
Total:		\$927,000

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Louisiana State General Real Estate

Appraiser #G0345

Arkansas State Certified General

Appraiser #CG1320N

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### SUMMARY OF SALIENT FACTS AND IMPORTANT CONCLUSIONS

Purpose of the Appraisal: To estimate the market value of the subject

property for Delta Southern Railroad to establish the market value of the property and to establish a selling price of the property to Southeast Arkansas

Economic Development District Inc.

Intended Users of Report: Delta Southern Railroad and Southeast Arkansas

Economic Development District Inc.

Date of Valuation: November 5, 2004

Rights Appraised: Fee Simple

Property Appraised Railroad property extending from Section 63, T22N,

R12E to Section 14, T16S, R2W. Property is typically 100' wide, but does vary in certain places.

See attached maps.

Ownership: Delta Southern Railroad

Zoning or Classification of Property: None

Highest and Best Use: Tract I - Agricultural Farmland

Tract II - Residential/Commerical

Tract III - Commercial

Final Estimates of Value: Sales Comparison Approach:

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(Agricultural Farmland)

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### **DEFINITION OF MARKET VALUE:**

As stated by the "Uniform Standards of Professional Practices", MARKET VALUE is defined as, "The most probable price which a property should bring in a competitive and open market under all conditions requisite to a fair sale, the buyer and seller each acting prudently and knowledgeably, and assuming the price is not affected by undue stimulus. Implicit in this definition is the consummation of a sale as of a specified date and the passing of title from seller to buyer under conditions whereby;

- 1. Buyer and seller are typically motivated.
- 2. Both parties are well informed or well advised, and acting in what they consider their best interests:
- 3. A reasonable time is allowed for exposure in the open market;
- 4. Payment is made in terms of cash in United States dollars or in terms of financing arrangements comparable thereto; and
- 5. The price represents the normal consideration for the property sold unaffected by special or creative financing or sales concessions granted by anyone associated with the sale.

### PROPERTY RIGHTS APPRAISED AND DATE VALUATION APPLIES:

The purpose of this appraisal is to provide an estimate of "Market Value" for the subject property herein appraised with the property being valued as if owned in Fee Simple Ownership, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

Fee Simple Ownership is defined in the <u>Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal</u>, <u>Third Addition</u>, "Fee Simple Ownership is defined as in absolute ownership, unencumbered by any other interest or estate, the subject only to taxation, eminent domain, police power and escheat."

The date that the estimate of value contained in the Letter of Transmittal and the Reconciliation and Final Value Estimate sections of this report applies is, as of, November 5, 2004.

### **PURPOSE OF THE APPRAISAL:**

The purpose of this appraisal is to provide an estimate of market value for the subject property to be used by the client of this report, Delta Southern Railroad to establish a marketable selling price for the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. Delta Southern Railroad and Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., are both intended users of the report.

### **TYPE OF APPRAISAL:**

The Uniform Standards of Professional Practices, Standards Rule 2-2 requires to state the type of appraisal. The three types of reports are the Self Contained Appraisal Report, Summary Appraisal Report or Restricted Appraisal Report. Based on the information contained in this report, this is considered to be a Complete Appraisal in a Summary Appraisal Report.

The Cost Approach and the Income Approach to Value have not been used to determine the estimated value of the subject property. These approaches to value are not applicable to value the subject property, therefore no departure has been made from the Uniform Standards of Professional Practices.

### **MARKETING TIME/EXPOSURE TIME:**

Market value, as defined in this report, as estimated and the costs and other estimates used in arriving at the estimate of value is as of the date of the appraisal. Because markets upon which these estimates and conclusions are based upon are dynamic in nature, they are subject to change over time. Further, the report and value estimates are subject to change if future physical, financial, or other conditions differ from conditions as of the date of appraisal.

In applying the market value definition to this appraisal, a reasonable exposure time of <u>0-2</u> <u>years</u> has been estimated. Exposure time is the estimated length of time the property interest being appraised would have been offered in the market prior to the hypothetical consummation of a sale at market value on the effective date of the appraisal; exposure time is always presumed to **precede** the effective date of the appraisal.

Marketing time, however, is an estimate of the amount of time it takes to sell a property interest at the estimated market value during the period **after** the effective date of the appraisal. An estimate of market time is not intended to be a prediction of a date of sale. It is inappropriate to assume that the value as of the effective date of appraisal remains stable during a marketing period. Additionally, the appraiser has considered market factors external to this report and have concluded that a reasonable marketing time for the property is 1-2 years. Time for Tract II may be longer due to the amount of property being placed on the market at one time.

### **SCOPE OF THE APPRAISAL:**

The Scope of the Appraisal encompasses the necessary research and analysis to prepare a report in accordance with the Standards of Professional Practices of the Appraisal Foundation.

The subject property was inspected on October 29, 2004 and November 5, 2004, by the appraiser, Robert W. Lowe, Jr. Photographs included in this report were taken at the time of inspection. The ownership maps of the property were furnished to the appraiser by Bill Wainright of Delta Southern Railroad.

Other data located in this report includes sales information obtained from research by the appraiser and local lenders, real estate agents in the local marketing area. Other general data includes information obtained from the East Carroll Tax Assessor's office., East Carroll Parish Clerk of Court's office, Chicot County Tax Assessor's office, Chicot County Clerk of Court's office, from the appraiser's data files. Neighborhood data was obtained from the appraiser's files.

In estimating the highest and best use of the subject property, all stages of analysis have been met in determining the final analysis for the highest and best use. The highest and best use as indicated in this section of the report for the subject property is ranges from agricultural property to residential/commercial property.

No building improvements are located on the subject property, as such the Cost Approach to value is not applicable in determining the estimated market value for the subject property.

The Sales Comparison Approach has been utilized in determining the estimated market value of the subject property with properties found in East Carroll, LA and Chicot County, AR. Sale properties have been adjusted for difference in characteristics as noted in this approach to value, as indicated by the Sales Comparison Approach.

The Income Approach has note been utilized in determining the estimated market value of the subject property. Typically, this type of property would not be purchased by a typical buyer for income producing. Typically the property would be purchased by an adjoining land owner. The Income Approach to value is not applicable in determining the estimated market value for the subject property.

After assembling and analyzing data, the final estimate of market value has been determined for the each tract of the subject property of this report.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY**

The subject property is consist of a 100 foot wide strip of property owned by Delta Southern Railroad, where the railroad is located. At various places, as noted on attached plats, the property extends up to 250 feet wide. The property is located adjacent to U.S. Hwy 65 for a large portion and adjacent to farmland, with the exception of the property located in Eudora and Lake Village the subject property is located adjacent to residential and commercial property.

### LOCATION:

The subject property of this report is begins north of Lake Providence approximately 6 miles just west of U.S. Hwy 65. The property begins in Section 63, Township 22 North, Range 12 East. The property extends north 30 miles, just inside the city limits of Lake Village, AR. The property ends in Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 2 West.

### TOPOGRAPHY:

The railroad bed of 15'-18' extends from a flat elevation to typically 2' to 4'. A larger portion of the 100' wide property is flat with adjoining property.

### **IMPROVEMENTS:**

The subject site is improved with railroad tracks, cross ties and rock. In the present condition, no railroad can operate on this portion of the railroad, due to its poor condition.

### **EASEMENTS/ENCROACHMENTS:**

The appraiser is assuming there are no encroachments. No adverse easement were noted during the inspection of the property.

### **SOIL TYPES AND SUITABILITY:**

The soils found on the subject site is vary from Class I soils to Class III soils, as noted on attached soil maps. The property consist of 2 % Class I soils; 43.5% Class II soils; 47% Class III soils. These soils are well suited for agricultural use for row crop production and for residential/commercial use.

### **MINERALS:**

The appraiser is of the opinion the value of minerals are included in the value of property when sold. This may be different if production is an ongoing affair at the time the property is sold. The value shown by each approach to value would include any value for minerals as shown in this report, for each tract of the subject property.

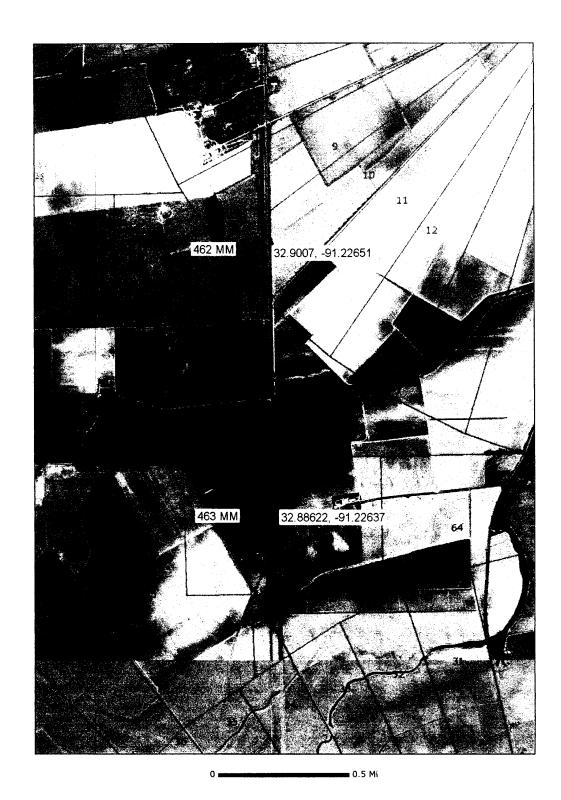
Drawings of the subject property have been scaled to determine the length and size of the property. See attached drawings in the addenda of the report. Calculations for size of subject property:

### Tract I:

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Class I soil - 3300 LF x 100' = 330,000 \text{ SF} =
                                                         7.58 acres
Class II soil - 61,900 \text{ LF x } 100' = 6,190,000 \text{ SF}
458MM
             50' \times 1,448' =
                                          72,400 SF
             50' \times 1,552' =
                                          77,600 SF
            100' \times 1,200' =
                                         120,000 SF
             25' \times 3,000' =
455MM
                                          75,000 SF
             50' \times 1,000' =
                                          50,000 SF
440MM
             50' \times 2,000' =
                                         100,000 SF
             50' \times 1,350' =
                                          67,500 SF
              100' \times 1,200' =
                                         120,000 SF
                                       6,872,500 \text{ SF} = 157.77 \text{ acres}
Class III soil - 79,052 \text{ LF x } 100' = 7,905,200 \text{ SF}
451MM
             50' x 200' =
                                           10,000 SF
             50' \times 1,560' =
                                           78,000 SF
             50' x 1,440' =
                                           72,000 SF
             100' x 420' =
                                           42,000 SF
             100' \times 580' =
                                           58,000 SF
             50' \times 2,819.45' =
448MM
                                          140,972 SF
                                        8,306,172 \text{ SF} = 190.69 \text{ acres}
                                                           19.62 acres (waste) 10%
                                                          171.07 acres
Woods - 2,300 LF \times 100' =
                                        230,000 SF
463MM 50' x 1,025 =
                                         51,250 SF
                                        281,250 \text{ SF} =
                                                          6.46 acres
Tract II:
Eudora - 10,560 \text{ LF x } 100' =
                                        1,056,000 SF
447MM
            25' \times 2,200' =
                                           55,000 SF
             25' \times 400' =
                                           10,000 SF
             50' \times 1,075' =
                                           53,750 SF
                                        1,174,750 \text{ SF} = 26.97 \text{ acres}
Tract III:
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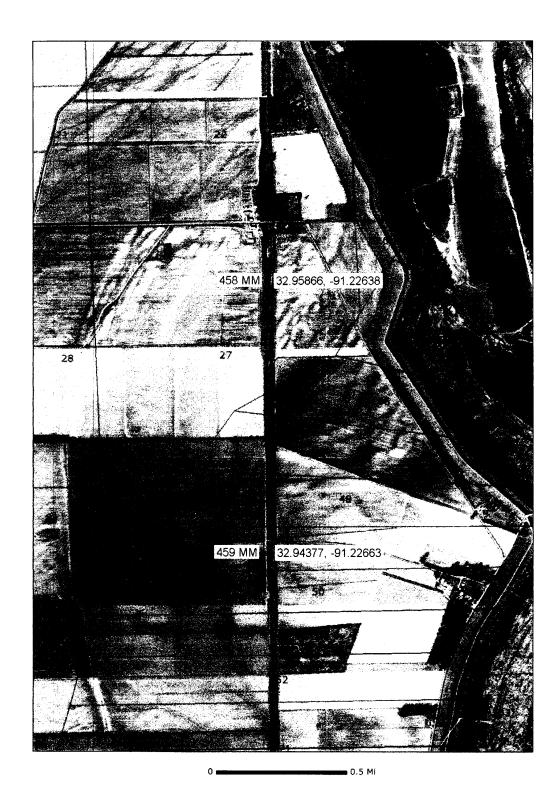
132,00 SF = 3.03 acres

**Lake Village** - 1,320 LF x 100' =

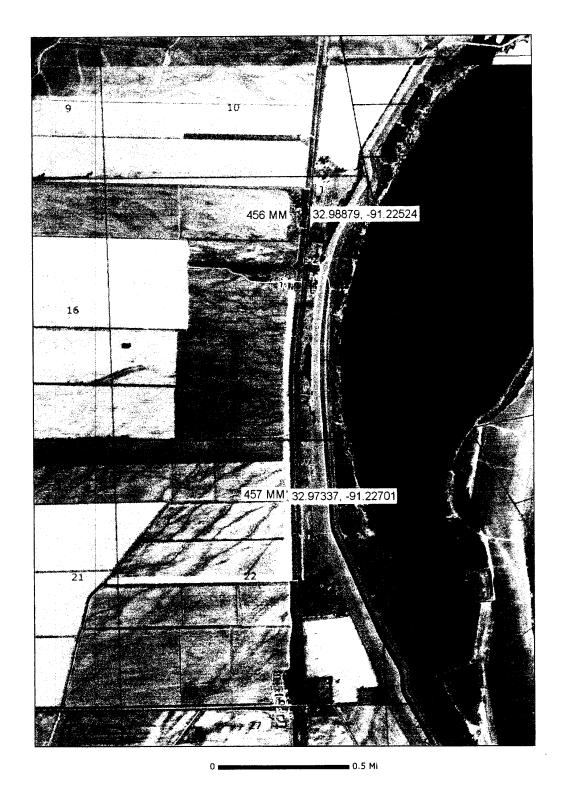




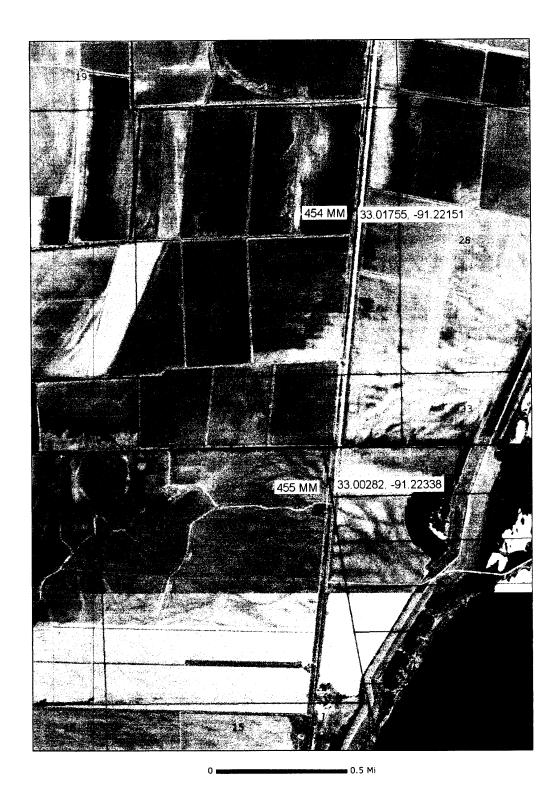
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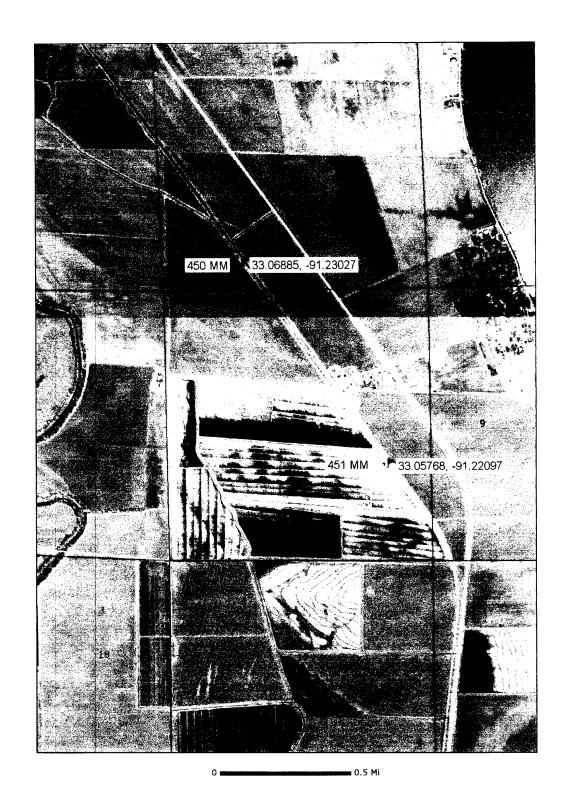
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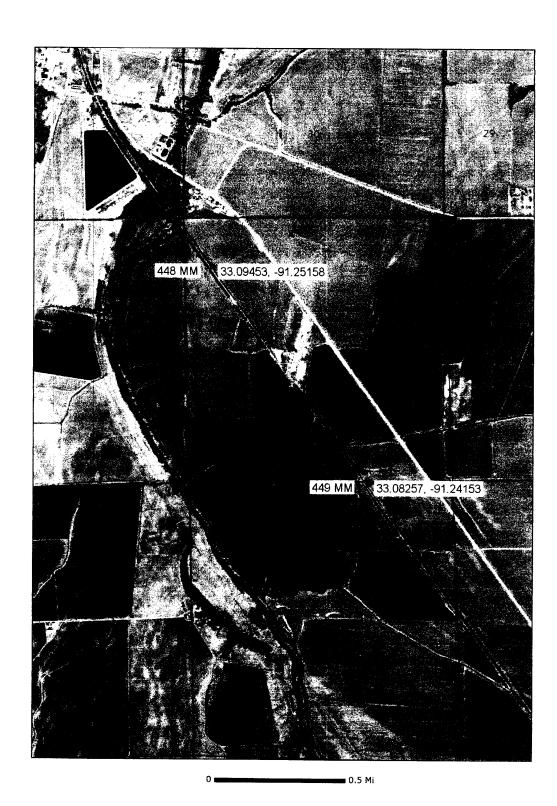
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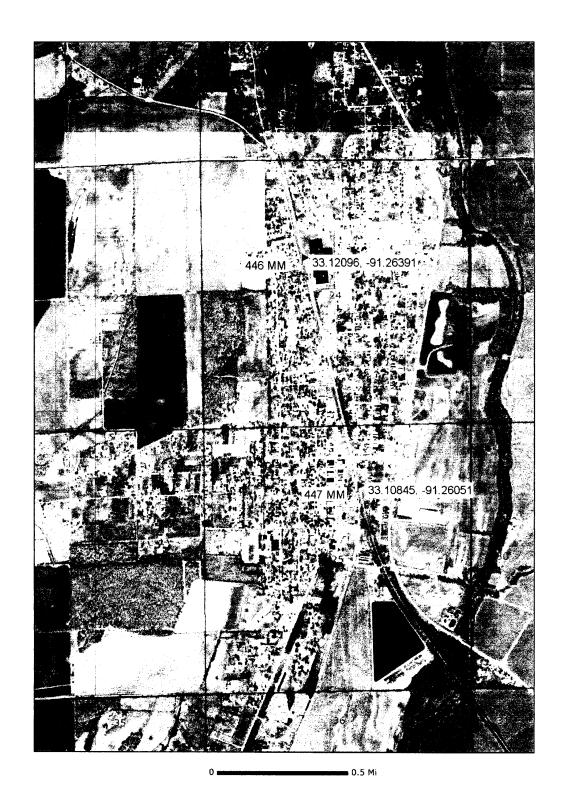
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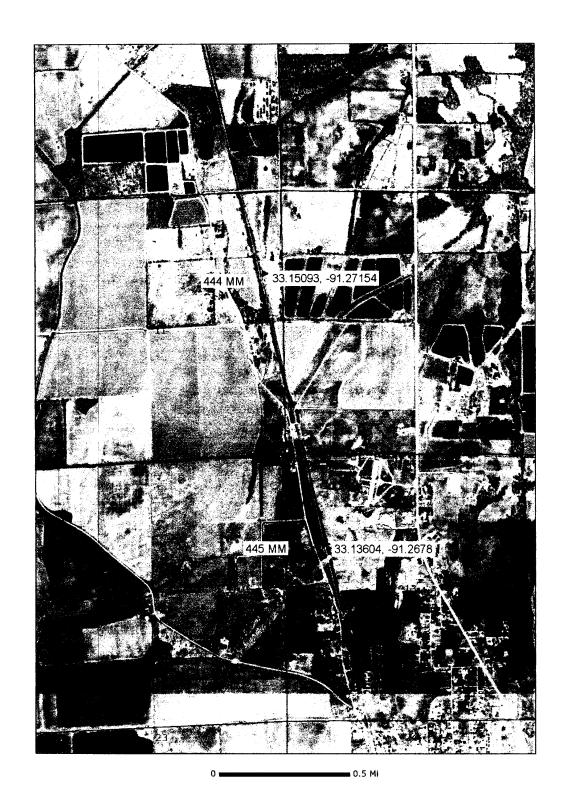
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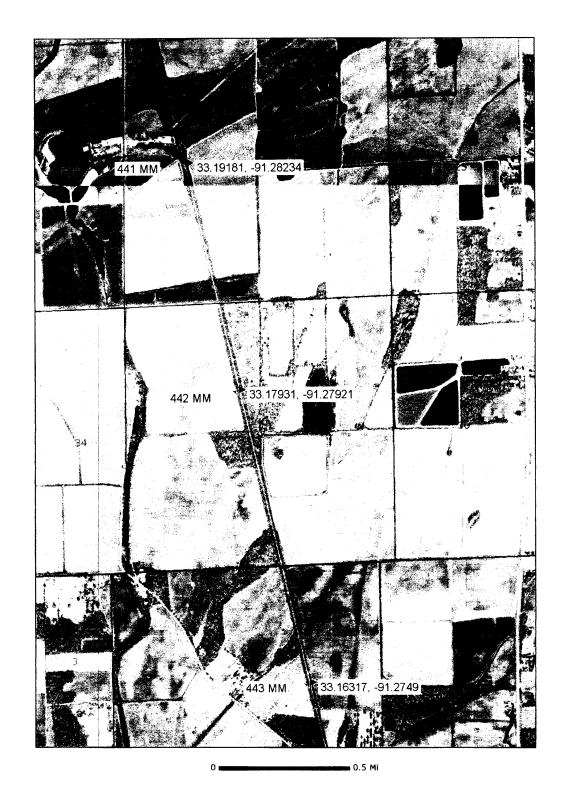
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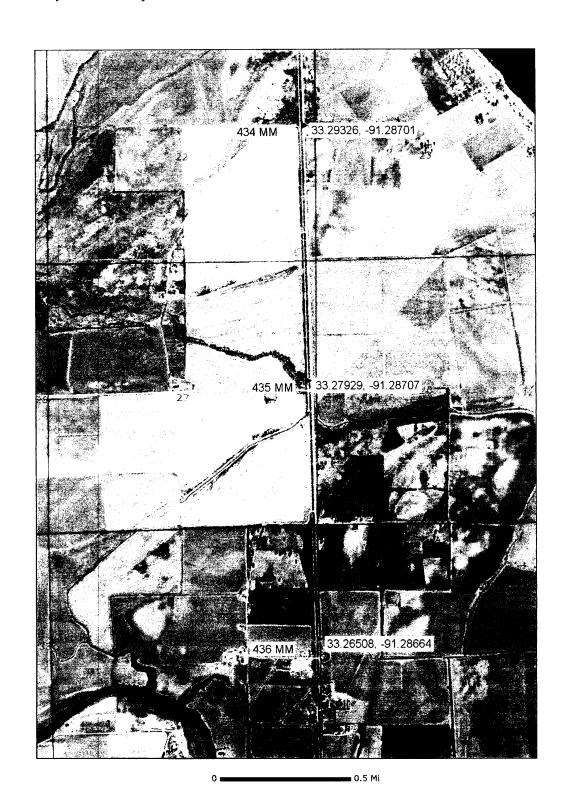
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Borrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroad		
Property Address			
City	County	State	Zip Code
Lender			



View of Subject Property 463 MM - Woods



View of Subject Property. Railroad adjacent to residential property.

Borrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroa	d			
Property Address					
City		County	State	Zip Çode	
Lender					



View of Subject Property.
Photograph of Railroad property crossing farm headquarter entrance.



View of Subject Property.
Photograph of equipment being stored on railroad property.

Borrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroad		
Property Address			
City	County	State	Zip Code
Lender			



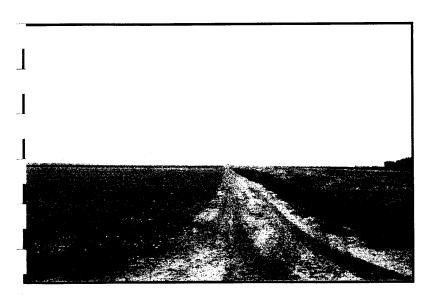
View of Subject Property.

Photograph taken of storage tanks located on railroad property.



View of Subject Property.
Photograph taken railroad property.
Cotton modules being stored on railroad property.

Borrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroad		
Property Address			
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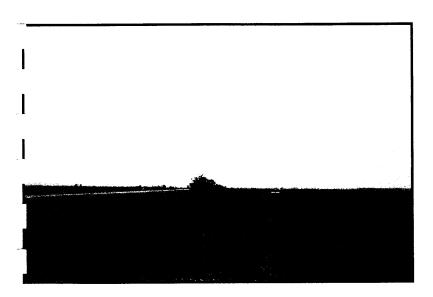


View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property.



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property.

Barrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroad		
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View of Subject Property.

Photograph taken of the railroad property.



View of Subject Property.
Photograph taken of the railroad property.

Borrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroad		
Property Address City	County	State	Zip Code
Lender			



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property located on Eudora, AR.



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property located on Eudora, AR.

Borrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroad			
Property Address				
City	County	State	Zip Code	
Lender				



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property located on Eudora, AR.



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property located on Eudora, AR.

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View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property,



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property located in Lake Village, AR. along U.S. Hwy 65/ Hwy 82

Borrower/Client	Delta Southern Railroad		
Property Address			
City	County	State	Zip Code
Lender			



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property located in Lake Village, AR. along U.S. Hwy 65/ Hwy 82



View of Subject Property. Photograph taken of the railroad property located in Lake Village, AR. along U.S. Hwy 65/ Hwy 82

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD DATA**

The neighborhood area for the subject property consist of both East Carroll Parish, Louisiana and Chicot County, Arkansas. The subject property extends just north of Lake Providence in East Carroll Parish to Lake Village in Chicot County.

#### Lake Providence/East Carroll Parish

Lake Providence is the parish seat of East Carroll Parish. East Carroll Parish is located at the northeast corner of the state of Louisiana. Other towns located in the parish consist of Monticello, Transylvaina. Most of the commerce in the parish is found in Lake Providence. East Carroll Parish's economy depends largely upon its agricultural community. The Port of Lake Providence is located along the Mississippi River. The port has water and land access as well as railroad. Grains and fertilizers are shipped from the port. Access to and from the area can be found on U.S. Hwy 65.

# Lake Village/Chicot County

Lake Village is the county seat of Chicot County. Chicot County is located at the southeast corner of Arkansas. Other towns located in the county consist of Eudora located at the southeast end of the county and Dermott, located at the northwest corner of the parish. Most of the commerce in the county is found in Lake Village. Lake Village is known for a tourist community with Lake Chicot and Lake Chicot State Park. Lake Chicot draws many from Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Chicot County's economy depends largely upon the agricultural community found throughout the parish. The area has had a large number of catfish farmers, but have been declining due to the struggles in the catfish market.

#### **HIGHEST AND BEST USE:**

The Appraisal Institute defines Highest and Best Use as follows:

"The most profitable likely use to which a property can be put. The opinion of such use may be based on the highest and most profitable continuous use to which the property is adapted and needed or likely to be in demand in the reasonably near future. However, elements affecting value that depend on events or a combination of occurrences that, although in the realm of possibility, are not fairly shown to be reasonably probable, should be excluded from consideration. Also, if the intended use is dependent on an uncertain act of another person, the intention cannot be considered."

"That use of the land that may reasonably be expected to produce the greatest net return to land over a given period of time. That legal use that will yield to land the highest present value, sometimes called 'optimum use."

In estimating the Highest and Best Use, there are essentially four stages of analysis:

- 1. Legally Permissible. What uses are permitted by zoning and deed restrictions on the site in question?
- 2. Physically Possible. What uses of the site in questions are physically possible?
- 3. Financially Feasible. Which possible and permissible uses will produce a net return to the owner of the site?
- 4. Maximally Productive. Among the feasible uses, which use will produce the highest net return or the highest present worth?

The above tests must be met in estimating the highest and best use. The use must be legal, the use must be probable, not speculative or conjectural; there must be a profitable demand for such use and it must return to land the highest net return for the longest period of time.

After analyzing the stages of analysis of the highest and best use of the subject property, being legally permissible, financially feasible, physically possible and maximally productive, it is the opinion of the appraiser that the highest and best use of the subject property as vacant is as follows:

#### Tract I:

This property is located adjacent mainly to farmland as noted by the aerial photos found in the addenda of this report. The appraiser is of the opinion that an adjoining land owner would be highly motivated in purchasing property located next to property of the same ownership. After analyzing this property, the estimated highest and best use of the property would be for agricultural property. Some of the property could have some rural residential use in the future.

# Tract II:

This property is located in the Town of Eudora, Arkansas. Some of the property is located in commercial areas and some is located in residential areas. After analyzing this property, the estimated highest and best use of the property would be for residential and commercial use.

#### Tract III:

This property is located at the edge of the City of Lake Village, Arkansas. The property is located adjacent commercial and residential property. After analyzing this property, the estimated highest and best use of the property would be commercial use.

#### **SALES COMPARISON APPROACH:**

In the Sales Comparison Approach, the estimated value is derived by comparing the desirability and utility of properties which have recently sold and are similar to the subject property. Adjustments must be made between the difference of the properties. This approach is based upon the principal of substitution. The underlying theory is that a knowledgeable person would pay no more for a property similar to the subject, that a price of property with similar utilities and amenities which were recently sold.

The extent of the geographical search for comparable sales for the subject property has been in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana and Chicot County, Arkansas where the subject property is located. The property sales found for comparison are felt to be the best sales available to determine the estimated market value of the subject property.

The sales date gathered in this appraisal is typically analyzed for the differences which may be attributed to the following:

- A. Changes in value due to differences in time of sale.
- B. Condition of sale, particularly financing.
- C. Physical difference in site and structures relative to the subject.
- D. Location differences.
- E. Quality of construction and condition of improvements.
- F. Soils, land mix, irrigation

Having the advantages of being easily understood, this approach to value is recognized in the industry as the most accurate, if there are a sufficient number of arm-lenght sales of highly similar properties available for comparison.

On the following pages are sales of properties which are used to determine the estimated value of each tract of the subject property. These sales reflect comparable competitive characteristics as the subject property and will be used to determine a current indication of value for the subject property.

Sales have been analyzed on the "Sales Analysis Chart to indicate the value of improvements found on the subject property. After theses sales have been adjusted and analyzed, these adjustments will be discussed in the "Sales Comparison Approach Comments" section for each tract of the subject property.

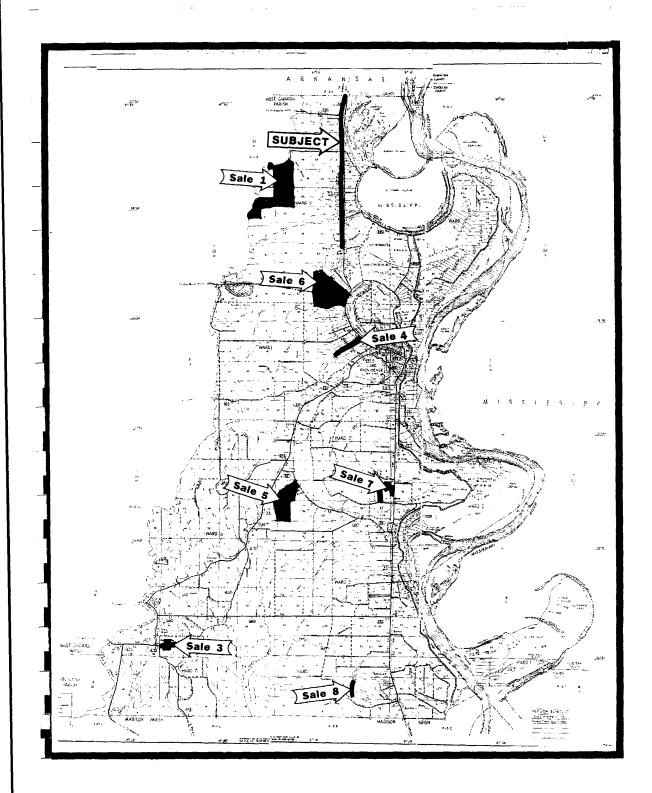
# FARM LAND SALES

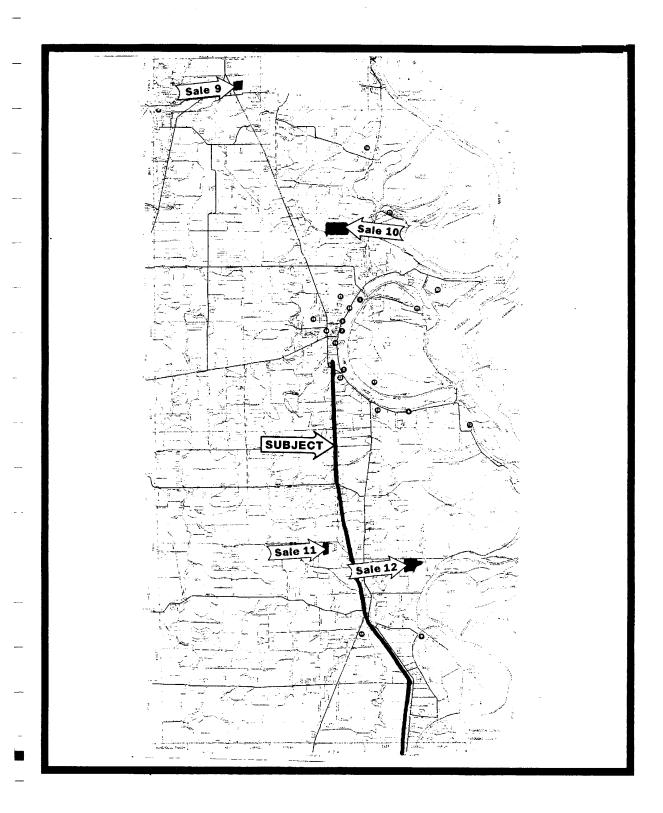
# Louisiana Farm Land Sales:

Sale #	<u>Date</u>	Seller	Buyer	Section	L#N	R#E	Size-Acres	Sales Price	Price Per Acre
<del></del>	10/18/04 10/18/04	Family Farms, I Family Farms, II	Pretzer Land & Cattle Co. S & N Equipment Co.	25/30,31 1,2,11,12/52	23/22 22	11/12	1,793.93	\$3,500,000	\$1,951
7	09/29/04	Hill, Samuel H.	Vining, III, Charles L.	24,25	18	12	154.4	\$184,000	\$1,192
က	08/25/04	Burgess, Todd	Mar-Kei Plantation, Inc.	31	19	7	100	\$130,000	\$1,300
4	03/10/04	Brown Jr., Owen Stuart Holt, Robert B.	Holt, Robert B.	25	21	12	144.85	\$210,000	\$1,450
2	01/09/04	LA Correctional Facility	Morgan, Chad/Tensas Bayou	19,20,30	50	12	1,055	\$1,123,651	\$1,065
9	11/04/03	Keller Enterprises	Terral Farms	39,40,41,42	22	12	1,555.74	\$2,800,332	\$1,800
				12,37	21	12			
7	07/26/03	Paris, Charles	OLiver, Ted E.	24,25 72	20	13	375.886	\$405,000	\$1,077
ω	12/04/03	Brokenburn, Inc.	Grassy Lake, LLC	10,11	18	12	79.03	\$134,802	\$1,706

# Arkansas Farm Land Sales:

Sale #	Date	Seller	Buyer	Section	S#L	R#W	Size-Acres	Sales Price	Price Per Acre
מ י	10/27/04	Wilson, Kobert	Arguma, LLC	56	13	ო	13 3 166.279 \$259,200	\$259,200	\$1,559
10	07/20/04	McGinnis, Farris	Griffin, Brent	1,2,3,4 15 2 10,11,12	15	2	464	\$475,000	\$1,024
=	03/11/04	Delta Trust Bank	Hallman, James	3 18 2	18	2	17.39	\$38,000	\$2,185
12	05/10/04	Brown Revocable Trust Gates, John H.	Gates, John H.	8.9 18 1	18	-	301.51	\$365,000	\$1 211







	SALE	#1	_		SUBJECT	г	
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I	0	\$3,035	·\$0		7.58	\$3,035	\$23,005
Class II	169	\$2,185	\$369,265		157.77	\$2,185	\$344,727
Class III	1516.9	\$1,823	\$2,765,309		171.07	\$1,823	\$311,861
Class IV	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Woods	0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$0		6.46	\$1,700	\$10,982
Building Site	6	\$3,035	\$18,210		0.40	\$3,035	\$0
Pasture	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Waste	102.03	\$453	\$46,220		19.62	\$453	\$8,888
WRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
CRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Total:	1793.93	\$1,783	\$ 3,199,003		362.5	\$1,930	\$699,463
Indicated Land	Adjustment for:	SALE #1	is	\$146			
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	SALE	#2			SUBJECT		
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I	0	\$2,183	\$0		7.58	\$2,183	\$16,547
Class II	0	\$1,572	\$0		157.77	\$1,572	\$248,014
Class III	139.1	\$1,310	\$182,221		171.07	\$1,310	\$224,102
Class IV	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Woods	0	\$0	\$0		6.46	\$1,700	\$10,982
Building Site	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Pasture	0	\$0	\$0		0	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0
Waste	5.3	\$336	\$1,781		19.62	\$336	\$6,592
WRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
CRP	0	\$0	\$0		ō	\$0	\$0
Total:	144.4	\$1,274	\$ 184,002		362.5	\$1,397	\$506,238
Indicated Land	Adjustment for:	SALE #2	is	\$122	_		
	SALE	#3	-		SUBJEC1	Γ	
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I	0	\$1,948	\$0		7.58	\$1,948	\$14,766
Class II	56	\$1,403	\$78,568		157.77	\$1,403	\$221,351
Class III	44	\$1,169	\$51,436		171.07	\$1,169	\$199,981
Class IV	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Woods	0	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0		6.46	\$1,700	\$10,982
Building Site	0	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0		0.40	\$0	\$0
Pasture	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0 \$0	<b>\$</b> 0
Waste	Ö	\$292	\$0		19.62	\$292	\$5,729
WRP	0	\$10	<b>\$</b> 0		0	\$0	\$0
CRP	0	\$10	\$0		0	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0
Totał:	100	\$1,300	130004		362.5	\$1,249	\$452,809
Indicated Land A	Adjustment for:	SALE #3	is _	(\$51)	-		
			3.0				

	SALE	#4	_		SUBJEC	г	
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I Class II Class III Class IV Woods Building Site Pasture Waste WRP	30 78.6 14 0 0 0 0 22.25	\$2,136 \$1,538 \$1,281 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$320 \$0	\$64,080 · \$120,887 \$17,934 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$7,120 \$0		7.58 157.77 171.07 0 6.46 0 0 19.62	\$2,136 \$1,538 \$1,281 \$0 \$1,700 \$0 \$0 \$320 \$0	\$16,191 \$242,650 \$219,141 \$0 \$10,982 \$0 \$0 \$6,278 \$0
CRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Total:	144.85	\$1,450	\$ 210,021		362.5	\$1,366	\$495,242
Indicated Land Adj	ustment for:	SALE #4	is	(\$84)	_		
	SALE	#5	_		SUBJEC	Г	
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I Class II Class III Class IV Woods Building Site Pasture Waste WRP CRP Total: Indicated Land Adju	0 397 604 0 0 0 0 54 0 0 1055	\$1,704 \$1,228 \$1,022 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$256 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$0 \$487,516 \$617,288 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$13,824 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$36	7.58 157.77 171.07 0 6.46 0 0 19.62 0 0	\$1,704 \$1,228 \$1,022 \$0 \$1,700 \$0 \$256 \$0 \$0	\$12,916 \$193,742 \$174,834 \$0 \$10,982 \$0 \$0 \$5,023 \$0 \$0 \$397,496
	SALE	#6	_		SUBJECT		
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I Class II Class IV Woods Building Site Pasture Waste WRP CRP	102 1327.94 53 0 0 5 0 67.8 0	\$2,450 \$1,764 \$1,470 \$0 \$0 \$2,450 \$0 \$366 \$0	\$249,900 \$2,342,486 \$77,910 \$0 \$12,250 \$0 \$24,815 \$0		7.58 157.77 171.07 0 6.46 0 0 19.62 0	\$2,450 \$1,764 \$1,470 \$0 \$1,700 \$2,450 \$0 \$366 \$0 \$0	\$18,571 \$278,306 \$251,473 \$0 \$10,982 \$0 \$0 \$7,181 \$0 \$0
Total:	1555.74	\$1,740	\$ 2,707,361		362.5	\$1,563	\$566,513
Indicated Land Adjustment for:		SALE #6	is	(\$177)	-		

	SALE	#7	_		SUBJECT	Т	
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I	0	\$1,872	<b>\$</b> 0 ·		7.58	\$1,872	\$14,190
Class II	0	\$1,348	\$0		157.77	\$1,348	\$212,674
Class III	350.6	\$1,124	\$394,074		171.07	\$1,124	\$192,283
Class IV	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Woods	0	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0		6.46	\$1,700	\$10,982
Building Site	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Pasture	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Waste	25.286	\$274	\$6,928		19.62	\$274	\$5,376
WRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
CRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Total:	375.886	\$1,067	\$ 401,003		362.5	\$1,201	\$435,504
Indicated Land Adj	ustment for:	SALE #7	is	\$135	<del>-</del>		•
	SALE	#8	_		SUBJEC	r	
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I	0	\$2,100	\$0		7.58	\$2,100	\$15,918
Class II	Ö	\$1,500	\$0		157.77	\$1,500	\$236,655
Class III	Ö	\$1,280	<b>\$</b> 0		171.07	\$1,280	\$218,970
Class IV	Ö	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0		0	\$0	\$0
Woods	79.03	\$1,706	\$134,825		6.46	\$1,706	\$11,021
Building Site	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Pasture	Ö	\$0	\$0		Ő	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0
Waste	Ö	\$32	<b>\$</b> 0		19.62	\$320	\$6,278
WRP	Ö	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
CRP	0	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0		0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$0 \$0
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Total:	79.03	\$1,706	134825.18		362.5	\$1,349	\$488,842
Indicated Land Adj	ustment for:	SALE #8	is	(\$357)			
	SALE	#9			SUBJECT		
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
	_						
Class I	0	\$2,584	\$0		7.58	\$2,584	\$19,587
Class II	0	\$1,860	<b>\$</b> 0		157.77	\$1,860	\$293,452
Class III	162.3	\$1,551	\$251,727		171.07	\$1,551	\$265,330
Class IV	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Woods	0	\$0	\$0		6.46	\$1,700	\$10,982
Building Site	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Pasture	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Waste	3.979	\$370	\$1,472		19.62	\$370	\$7,259
WRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
CRP	0	\$0	\$0		0	\$0	\$0
Total:	166.279	\$1,523	\$253,200		362.5	\$1,646	\$596,610
Indicated Land Adjustment for:		SALE #9	is	\$123	_		

	SALE	#10	_		SUBJECT		
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I Class II Class III Class IV Woods Building Site Pasture Waste	0 0 450 0 0 0	\$1,745 \$1,256 \$1,047 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$275	\$0 . \$0 \$471,150 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0		7.58 157.77 171.07 0 6.46 0 0	\$1,745 \$1,256 \$1,047 \$0 \$1,700 \$0 \$0 \$275	\$13,227 \$198,159 \$179,110 \$0 \$10,982 \$0 \$0 \$5,396
WRP CRP	0 0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0		0 0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Total:	464	\$1,024	\$ 475,000		362.5	\$1,122	\$406,874
Indicated Land Adj	ustment for	: SALE #4	is	\$99	_		
	SALE	#11	_		SUBJECT		
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I Class II Class III Class IV Woods Building Site Pasture Waste WRP CRP Total:	0 11.6 0 0 5.5 0 0 0.29 0	\$3,411 \$2,456 \$2,047 \$0 \$1,702 \$0 \$0 \$514 \$0 \$0	\$0 \$28,490 \$0 \$0 \$9,361 \$0 \$0 \$149 \$0 \$0		7.58 157.77 171.07 0 6.46 0 0 19.62 0 0	\$3,411 \$2,456 \$2,047 \$0 \$1,702 \$0 \$0 \$514 \$0 \$0	\$25,855 \$387,483 \$350,180 \$0 \$10,995 \$0 \$0 \$10,085 \$0 \$0
Indicated Land Adju	ustment for	SALE #5	is	(\$21)	_	-	·····
	SALE	#12	-		SUBJECT	•	
Land Type	Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value		Acres	Val/Acre	Total Value
Class I Class II Class III Class IV Woods Building Site Pasture Waste WRP CRP	0 0 280 0 0 0 0 0 21.51 0	\$2,132 \$1,535 \$1,279 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$320 \$0	\$0 \$0 \$358,120 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$6,883 \$0 \$0		7.58 157.77 171.07 0 6.46 0 0 19.62 0	\$2,132 \$1,535 \$1,279 \$0 \$1,700 \$0 \$0 \$320 \$0	\$16,161 \$242,177 \$218,799 \$0 \$10,982 \$0 \$0 \$6,278 \$0 \$0
Total:	301.51	\$1,211	\$ 365,003		362.5	\$1,364	\$494,396
Indicated Land Adju	stment for:	SALE #6	is _	\$153	-		

# COMPARABE SALES ANALYSIS CHART

	SUBJECT	SALE #1	SALE #2	SALE #3	SALE #4
Vendor:		Family Farms, I & II	Hill	Burgess	Brown
Vendee:		Pretzer Land & Cattle Co S& N Equipment Co.	Vining, III	Mar-Kei Plantation	Holt
Date of Sale		10/18/04	09/29/04	08/25/04	03/10/04
Sales Price:		\$3,500,000	\$184,000	\$130,000	\$210,000
Tract Size %cropland	362.5 ac. 92.50%	1,793.93 ac. 94.00%	144.40 ac. 96.00%	100 ac. 100.00%	144.85 ac. 85.00%
Unit Value/Acre		\$1,951	\$1,274	\$1,300	\$1,450
Adjustments					
FINANCING:		Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0
TIME:	Insp10/29/04 & 11/05/04	18 days	1.2 months	2.4 months	8 months
LOCATION:  Accessibility to Services Urban or Rural Orientation Adjacent to Other Owned Land Assemblage	East Carroll/Avg Chico/Avg	East Carroll/Avg	Madsion/Avg	East Carroll/Avg	East Carroll/Avg
Total( Net + or-)		0		. 0 _	0
LAND: Soil/Topo/NRSC land use classes Proportion Cropland to Total Land Farm Layout/Arrangement Size Pasture		146	122	-51	-84
Woodsland State of Cultivation Water Resources		-270 -109	-270	-270	-270
Total( Net + or-)		-233	-148	-321	-354
BUILDINGS: Dwelling Other Essential Buildings Grain Bins General Appearance Farmstead Water Supply		-59			
Total( Net + or-)		-59	0	0	0
CONDITION OF SALE: OTHER: Gov't Payments				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Total Adjustment		-292	-148	-321	-354
Total Adjusted: Unit Value		\$1,659	\$1,126	\$979	\$1,096

# COMPARABE SALES ANALYSIS CHART

	SUBJECT	SALE #5	SALE #6	SALE #7	SALE #8
Vendor:		LA Correctional Facility	Keller Enterprises	Paris	Brokenburn, Inc.
Vendee:		Morgan/Tensas Farm	Terral Farms	Oliver	Grassy Lake LLC
Date of Sale		01/09/04	11/04/03	07/15/03	12/04/03
Sales Price:		\$1,123,651	\$2,800,332	\$405,000	\$134,802
Tract Size %cropland	362.5 ac. 92.50%	1,055.00 ac. 95.00%	1,555.74 ac. 95.30%	375.886 ac. 93.30%	79.030 ac. 0.00%
Unit Value/Acre		\$1,065	\$1,800	\$1,077	\$1,706
Adjustments					
FINANCING:		Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0
TIME:	Insp10/29/04 & 11/05/04	10 months	12 months	16 months	11 months
LOCATION:  Accessibility to Service  Urban or Rural Orienta  Adjacent to Other Own Assemblage	tion	East Carroll/Avg	East Carroll/Avg	East Carroll/Avg	East Carroll/Avg
Total( Net + or-)		0	0	0	0
LAND: Soil/Topo/NRSC land u Proportion Cropland to Farm Layout/Arrangem Size Pasture Woodsland	Total Land	36	-177	135	-357
State of Cultivation Water Resources		-270	-270 -50	-270 -11	
Total( Net + or-)		-234	-497	-146	-357
BUILDINGS: Dwelling Other Essential Building Grain Bins General Appearance Farmstead Water Suppl		-5	-10		
Total( Net + or-)		-5	-10	0	0
CONDITION OF SALE OTHER: Gov't Payments	:				
Total Adjustment:		-239	-507	-146	-357
Total Adjusted: Unit Value		\$826	\$1,293	\$931	\$1,349

# COMPARABE SALES ANALYSIS CHART

1	SUBJECT	SALE #9	SALE #10*	SALE #11	SALE #12
Vendor:		Wilson	McGinnis	Delta Trust Bank	Brown
Vendee:		Arguma, LLC	Griffin	Hallman	Gates
Date of Sale		10/25/04	07/16/04	03/11/04	05/10/04
Sales Price:		\$259,200	\$475,000	\$38,000	\$365,000
Tract Size %cropland %woodland	362.5 ac. 92.50%	166.279 ac. 98.00%	464.00 ac. 97.00%	17.39 ac. 66.70% 31.60%	301.51 ac. 92.87%
Unit Value/Acre		\$1,559	\$1,024	\$2,185	\$1,211
<u>Adjustments</u>					
FINANCING:		Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0	Cash Sale 0
TIME:	Insp10/29/04 & 11/05/04	11 days	4 months	8 months	6 months
LOCATION:	Chicot/Avg East Carroll/Avg	Chicot/Avg	Chicot/Avg	Chicot/Avg	Chicot/Avg
Accessibility to Servi Urban or Rural Orier Adjacent to Other Ov Assemblage	ntation				
Total( Net + or-)		0	0	0	0
LAND: Soil/Topo/NRSC land Proportion Cropland Farm Layout/Arrange Size Pasture	to Total Land	123	99	-21	153
Woodsland State of Cultivation Water Resources		-270 -36	-270	-270	-270
Total( Net + or-)	***	-183	-171	-291	-117
BUILDINGS: Dwelling Other Essential Buildi Grain Bins General Appearance Farmstead Water Sup					-
Total( Net + or-)		0	0	0	0
CONDITION OF SAL OTHER: Gov't Payments	E:				
Total Adjustment:		-183	-171	-291	-117
Total Adjusted:		\$1,376	\$853		

### **SALES COMPARISON APPROACH COMMENTS:**

### TRACT I:

In determining a value for the subject property, the appraiser has researched the local marketing area to find sales comparable to the subject property. Twelve sales have been found to compare with the subject property in determining it's estimated market value. Sales are located in the East Carroll Parish and Madison Parish, LA and Chicot County, AR. Market values for agricultural properties appears to be similar in both Louisiana and Arkansas, as noted by these sales.

### **FINANCING ADJUSTMENTS:**

All sales used for comparison are felt to have market terms and rates with sales financed with conventional loans or were cash sales. No adjustments were felt necessary for financing.

### **TIME ADJUSTMENTS:**

Sales have occurred from 11 day to 16 months before the effective date of this report. No time adjustment is indicated during this time period.

### **LOCATION/ALTERNATE USE-LACK OF RIGHTS ADJUSTMENTS:**

The subject property has access from U.S. Hwy 65 for a major portion and can be access by other public roads. Some of the property is not located by public roads. Since the opinion of the appraiser is that the adjoining land owner would purchase the property, no location adjustment is felt necessary. No adjustment is indicated for location

### **LAND CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENTS:**

The land classifications have been obtained from analyzing the soil survey of the subject property and the sale properties in determining the value of the subject property. This adjustment takes into consideration the quality of the soil, drainage, production, total potential cropland as compared to the total property and other relevant factors. In researching sales in the marketing area of the subject, the market indicates Class II soil is valued at 72 percent of Class I soil, Class III soil is valued at 60 percent of Class I soil, Class IV/V soil is valued at 48 percent of Class I soil. Woodland is valued by Sale #8, which is a woodland tract purchased for hunting. Waste land has been is valued at 15 percent of Class I soil. Building sites are typically valued similar to Class I soils.

A comparison has been made between the subject property and each of the sales used for comparison to determine this adjustment, as noted on the Land Mix Analysis Worksheet.

### **IRRIGATION ADJUSTMENTS:**

The subject property has no irrigation. Irrigation is found on Sales #1, #6, #7 and #9. The value of the center pivots, wells, power units and underground piping has been made to these sales for the values found on each of their sale sheets.

# **STATE OF CULTIVATION/DIRT WORK:**

The subject property has not been farmed. If the property were to be purchased by an adjoining land owner, the property would need some dirt work to be placed in to farm production or some other use. It appears that from 440 MM to 436 MM some major dirt work may be needed. The appraiser has estimated \$500/acre for this dirt work for 4 miles or 50 acres, which calculates to by \$70/acre. The remaining property has been estimated needing approximately \$200/acre of dirt work done. A total adjustment of \$270/acre has been made to each sale used for comparison for the needed dirt work No adjustment was made to Sale #8, since this property is in woods and is fairly level and would not need any dirt work.

### **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:**

The subject property has no building improvements. Sales #1, #5 and #6 have equipment sheds, equipment shops and storage buildings. These sales have been adjusted downward for these improvements as noted by the value of the improvements noted on each of the sale sheets.

## **GOVERNMENT PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS:**

As noted on each of the sale sheets of the sales used for comparison, each of the sales have crop bases as noted. The subject property does not have any crop base since it has not been in production. It is the opinion of the appraiser that a buyer for the subject property is going to be highly motivated in purchasing the property since the property will be adjoining property of the same ownership. Due to this motivation, it is the opinion of the appraiser that the value of any crop base will be equal to the value of the motivation of the buyer. No adjustment is being made for crop bases.

# FINAL ANALYSIS OF SALES COMPARISON APPROACH:

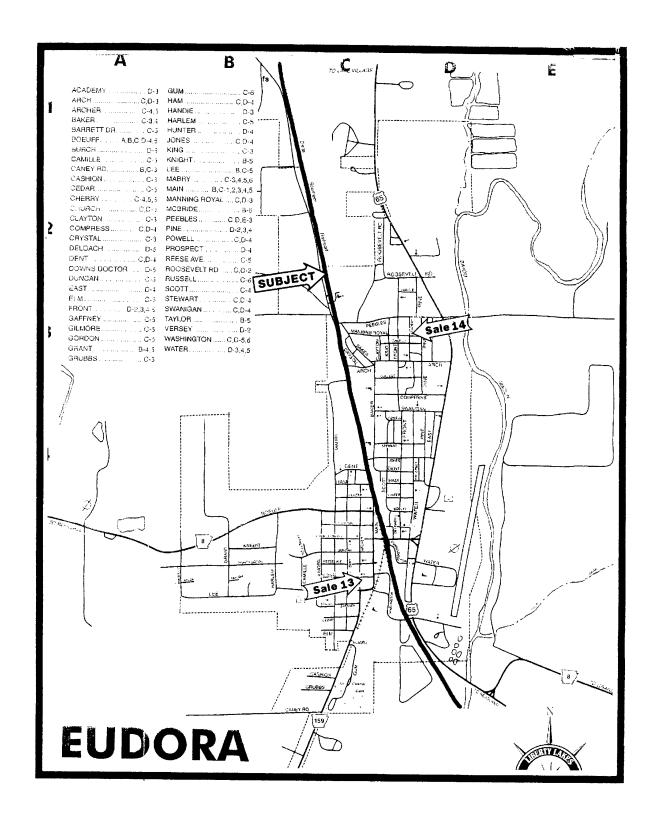
After making necessary adjustments and analyzing the sales, the indicated value range for the subject property is between \$826/acre to \$1,894/acre or total value ranging from \$299,425 to \$686,575. The mean adjusted unit value for the subject property is \$1,206. The indicated value for the subject property as shown by the Sales Comparison Approach is as follows:

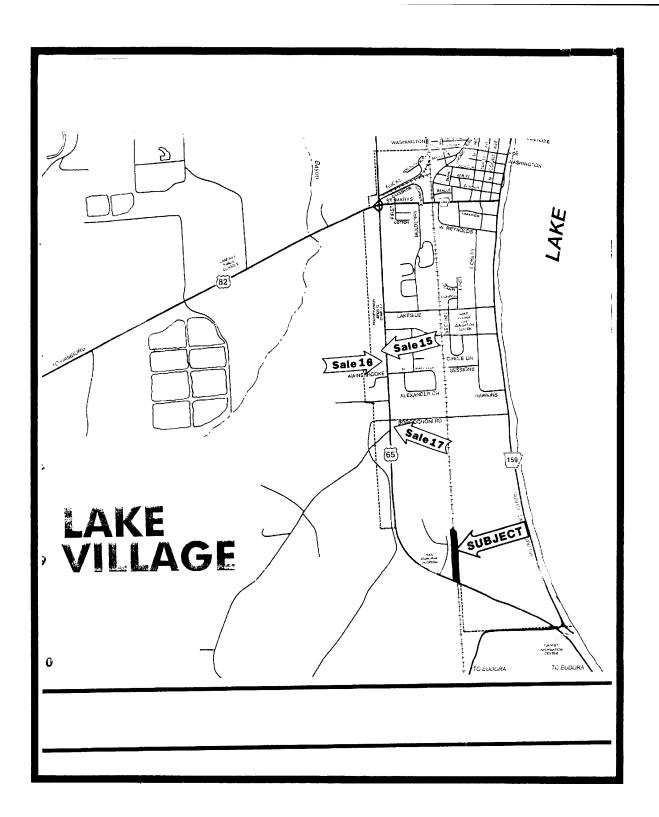
### Tract I:

Subject property -362.50 acres @ \$1,200/ac. = \$435,000

# RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LOT SALES

	Endora - V	Eudora - Vacant Lot Sales.	Ö.						Dor OF
	;	ć	Seller	Buyer	Address	Lot Size	Total SF	Sales Price	Price rei or
	Sale #	Date						000	\$0.21
	13	07/27/04	Eudora Baptist Church Austin Page, Inc.	Austin Page, Inc.	Corner of Archer & Mrytle Street	100' × 121'	12,100	97,500	- -
	14	01/08/04	Johnson, David	Gant, Lucille	Academy Street	110' x 150'	16,500	\$4,000	\$0.24
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	Lake Villa	Lake Village - Vacant Lot Sales.	ot sales.						Drice Der SF
		i d	Seller	Buyer	Address	Lot Size	Total SF	Sales Price	יוופר ביו כי
	Sale #	Date				i	003 00	\$32,000	\$1.42
	ţ	10/15/04	Willage Plaza, Inc.	City of Lake Village	Hwy 82/65	75' × 300'	77,500	000,400	
	<u>0</u>	100000		•	100	1000 1	45,000	\$64,000	\$1.42
۸.	4	10/13/04	Simmons First Bank	Village Plaza, Inc.	Hwy 82/65	one x net	10,00		
7	2	5			0	100' > 298 25	29.825	\$47,500	\$1.59
	17	03/20/00	Borgognoni, William	Allen, Charles	Hwy 82/63	100 × 230:50			





# **COMPARABLE LAND SALES ANALYSIS CHART**

# TRACT - II

	SUBJECT	SALE #13	SALE #14
Vendor:		Eudora Bap. Church	Johnson
Vendee:		Austin Page, Inc.	Gant
Use:		Residential	Residential
Price:		\$2,500	\$4,000
Unit Price:		\$0.21	\$0.31
Date of Sale: Adjustment		07/27/04 0	01/08/04 0
Conditon of Sale: Adjustment		Arms Length 0%	Arms Lenght 0%
Physical Features:			
Size: Adjustment	1,174,750 SF	12,100 SF	12,750 SF 0%
Topography: Adjustment	Level	Level 0%	Level 0%
Shape: Adjustment	100' x 10,560' Add.l -118,750 SF	100' x 121' 0%	110' x 150' 0%
Corner Influence: Adjustment	Yes/No	Yes 0%	Yes 0%
Utilities: Adjustment	W/E	W/E 0%	W/E 0%
Location: Adjustment	Eudora	Eudora 0%	Eudora 0%
Total Adjustment:		0.0%	0.0%
Unit Value: \$/SF		\$0.21	\$0.31

Range of Value: \$.21/SF t \$.31/SF

Average Value: \$.26/SF

### **SALES COMPARISON APPROACH COMMENTS:**

### TRACT II:

In determining a value for the subject property, the appraiser has researched the local marketing area to find sales comparable to the subject property. Two sales of residential use were found in the Town of Eudora, Arkansas. These sales occurred in 2004, being current sales indicating buyer/seller attitudes in the local markinting area.

### **FINANCING ADJUSTMENTS:**

All sales used for comparison are felt to have market terms and rates with sales financed with conventional loans or were cash sales. No adjustments were felt necessary for financing.

### **TIME ADJUSTMENTS:**

Sales have occurred from 3.3 months and 10 months before the effective date of this report. No time adjustment is indicated during this time period.

### **LOCATION:**

The subject property is located through the Town of Eudora, Arkansas. Most of the property has public access. As discussed in the report, it it the opinion of the appraiser typically, an adjoining land owner would purchase the property. No adjustment is felt necessary for location.

### **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:**

The subject property has no building improvements. The sales used for comparion had no improvements on them at the time of the sale. No adjustment has been made for improvements.

# FINAL ANALYSIS OF SALES COMPARISON APPROACH:

After making necessary adjustments and analyzing the sales, the indicated value range for the subject property is between \$.21/SF to \$.31/acre. The mean adjusted unit value for the subject property is \$.26/SF. The indicated value for the subject property as shown by the Sales Comparison Approach is as follows:

### Tract II:

Subject property -1,174,750 SF @ \$.26/SF = \$305,000(r)

# **COMPARABLE LAND SALES ANALYSIS CHART**

TRACT - III

	SUBJECT	SALE #15	SALE #16	SALE #17
Vendor:		Village Plaza	Simmons First Bank	Borgognoni
Vendee:		City of Lake Village	Village Plaza	Allen
Use:		Commercial	Commercial	Commercial
Price:		\$32,000	\$64,000	\$47,500
Unit Price:		\$1.42	\$1.42	\$1.59
Date of Sale: Adjustment		10/15/04 0	10/13/04 0	03/20/00 0
Conditon of Sale: Adjustment		Arms Length 0	Arms Lenght 0	Arms Lenght 0
Physical Features:				
Size: Adjustment	132,000 SF	22,500 SF 0%	45,000 SF 0%	29,825 SF 0%
Topography: Adjustment	Undulating	Level -3.50%	Level -3.50%	Level -3.50%
Shape: Adjustment	100' x 1,320'	75' x 300' 0%	150' x 300' 0%	100' x 298.25' 0%
Corner Influence: Adjustment	No	No 0%	Yes 0%	No 0%
Utilities: Adjustment	W/E	W/E 0%	W/E 0%	W/E 0%
Location: Adjustment	Lake Village	Lake Village 0%	Lake Village 0%	Lake Village
Total Adjustment:		-3.5%	-3.5%	-3.5%
Unit Value: \$/SF		\$1.37	\$1.37	\$1.53
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Range of Value \$.1.37/SF to \$1.53/SF

Average Value: \$1.42

### **SALES COMPARISON APPROACH COMMENTS:**

### TRACT III:

In determining a value for the subject property, the appraiser has researched the local marketing area to find sales comparable to the subject property. Three sales of commercial use were found in Lake Village, Arkansas. Two sales occurred in 2004 and one in 2000, being the most current sales indicating buyer/seller attitudes in the local marketing area.

### **FINANCING ADJUSTMENTS:**

All sales used for comparison are felt to have market terms and rates with sales financed with conventional loans or were cash sales. No adjustments were felt necessary for financing.

# **TIME ADJUSTMENTS/CONDITION OF SALE:**

Sales have occurred from 21 days, 23 days and 4.7 years before the effective date of this report. At the time of inspection of the property, there appeared to be new construction going on with in several hundred feet of the subject property on an existing hospital.

Sale #2 was made by a bank, which tends to sale property below value just to get rid of it out of its inventory. Sale #1 was made to the City of Lake Village, Arkansas, the property could have sold below market, since it was sold to a public entity. These conditions are only assumptions.

### **LOCATION:**

The subject property is located at the edge of the City of Lake Village, Arkansas. The property is located next to commercial property, being a local drug store and veterinarian clinic. The property would have access from U.S. Hwy 65. As discussed in the report, it is the opinion of the appraiser typically, an adjoining land owner would purchase the property. No adjustment is felt necessary for location.

### **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS/DIRT WORK:**

The subject property has no building improvements. The sales used for comparison had no improvements on them at the time of the sale. No adjustment has been made for improvements. The subject property would need to have some dirt work done before the property could be used by an adjoining landowner. An adjustment has been made for this dirt work as noted.

# FINAL ANALYSIS OF SALES COMPARISON APPROACH:

After making necessary adjustments and analyzing the sales, the indicated value range for the subject property is between \$.1.37/SF to \$1.53/acre. The mean adjusted unit value for the subject property is \$.1.42/SF. The indicated value for the subject property as shown by the Sales Comparison Approach is as follows:

# Tract III:

Subject property -132,000 SF @ 1.42/SF = 187,000(r)

# **COST APPROACH TO VALUE:**

The Cost Approach to Value has not been developed in determining the estimated market value of the subject property. No building improvements are located on the subject property. Therefore, the Cost Approach to Value is not applicable in determining the estimated market value of the subject property.

### **INCOME APPROACH TO VALUE:**

The Income Approach has not been developed in determining the estimated market value of the subject property. Typically, this type of property would no be purchased by a buyer looking for income producing property. Typically, the property would be purchased by an adjoining land owner. The Income Approach is not applicable in determining the estimated market value of the subject property.

### **FINAL RECONCILIATION:**

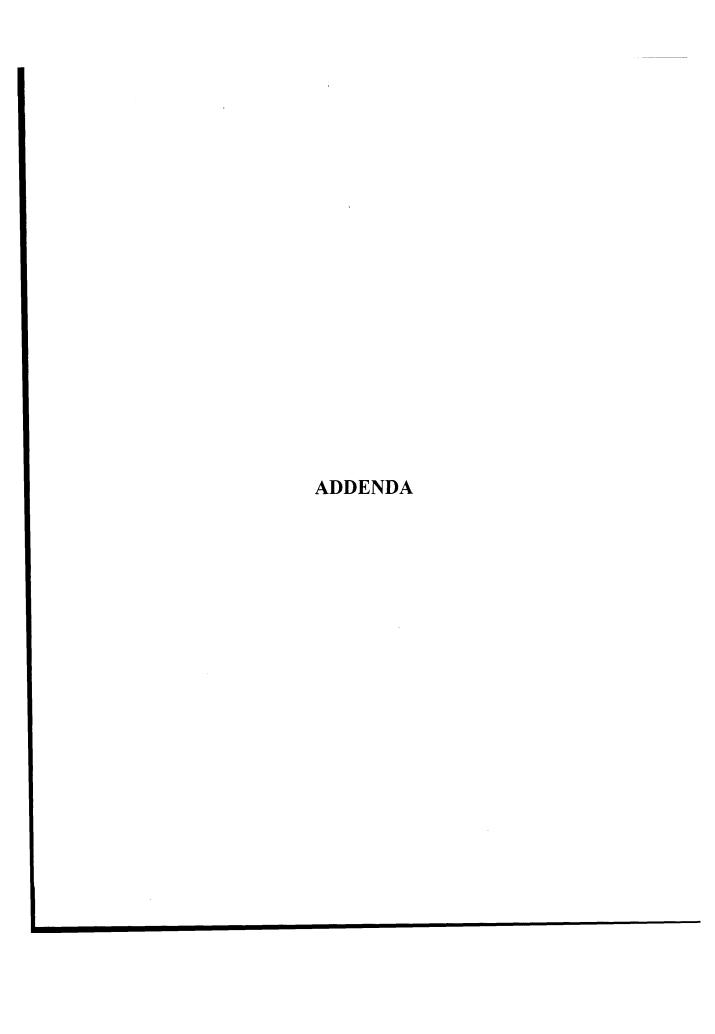
In determining the value of the subject property, the Sales Comparison Approach has been the only approach to value used. The Cost and Income Approaches are not applicable for this type of property. The values found in Sales Comparison Approach for each tract are as follows:

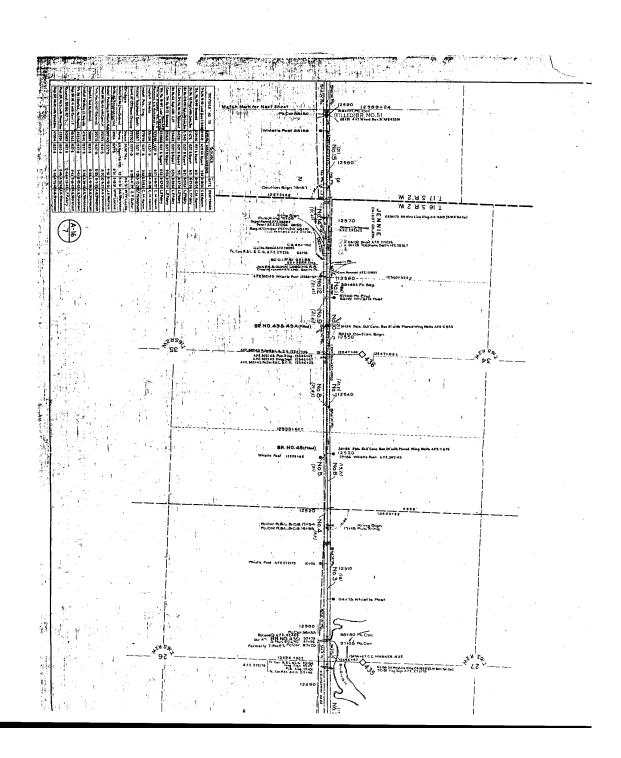
Tract 1 - 362.50 acres	@ \$1,200/acre =	\$435,000
Tract II - 1,174,750 SF	@ \$.26/SF =	\$305,000
Tract III - 132,000 SF	@ \$1.42/SF =	\$187,000 \$927,000

The Sales Comparison Approach is felt to be the most reliable value for the subject property due to the arm-length sales shown for comparison in this approach. Most reliance has been placed on the Sales Comparison Approach to indicate the estimated market value of the subject property.

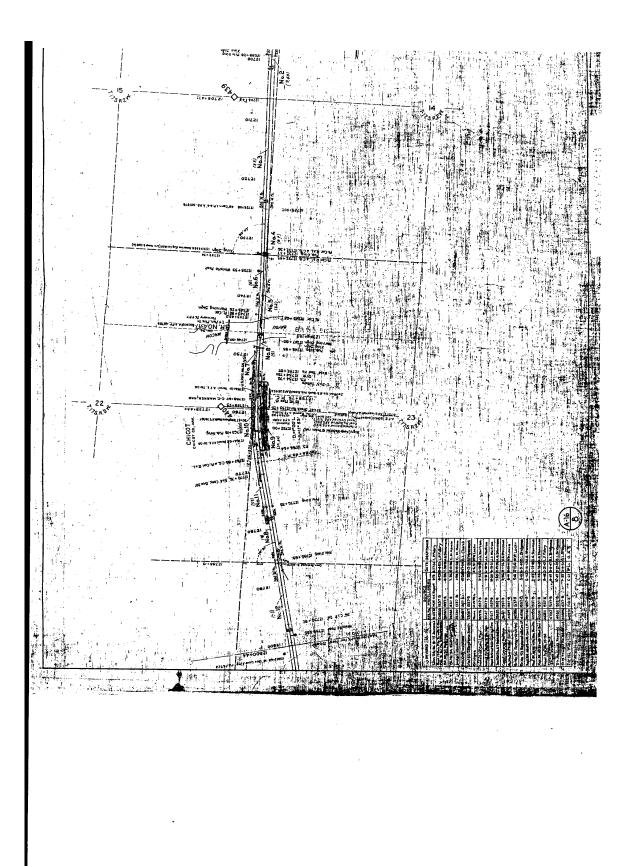
The indicated market value for the subject property as shown by this report as of November 5, 2004 is as follows:

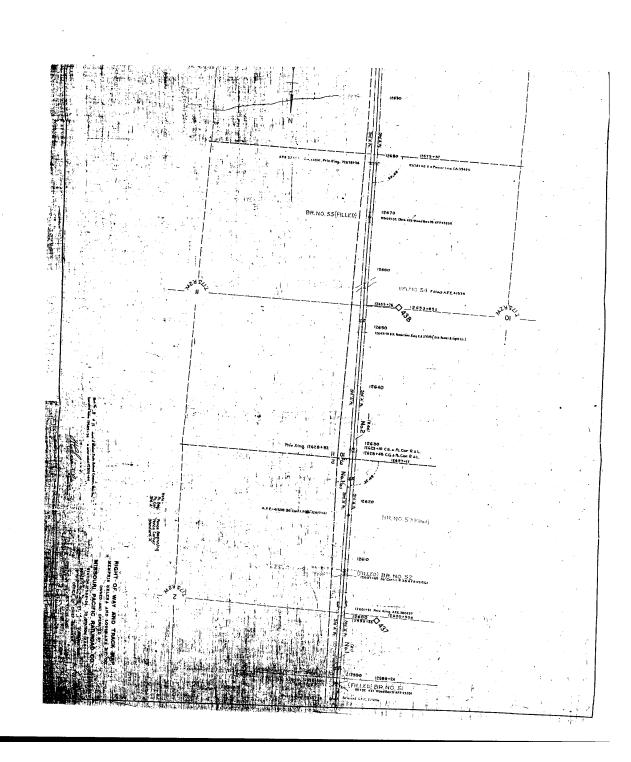
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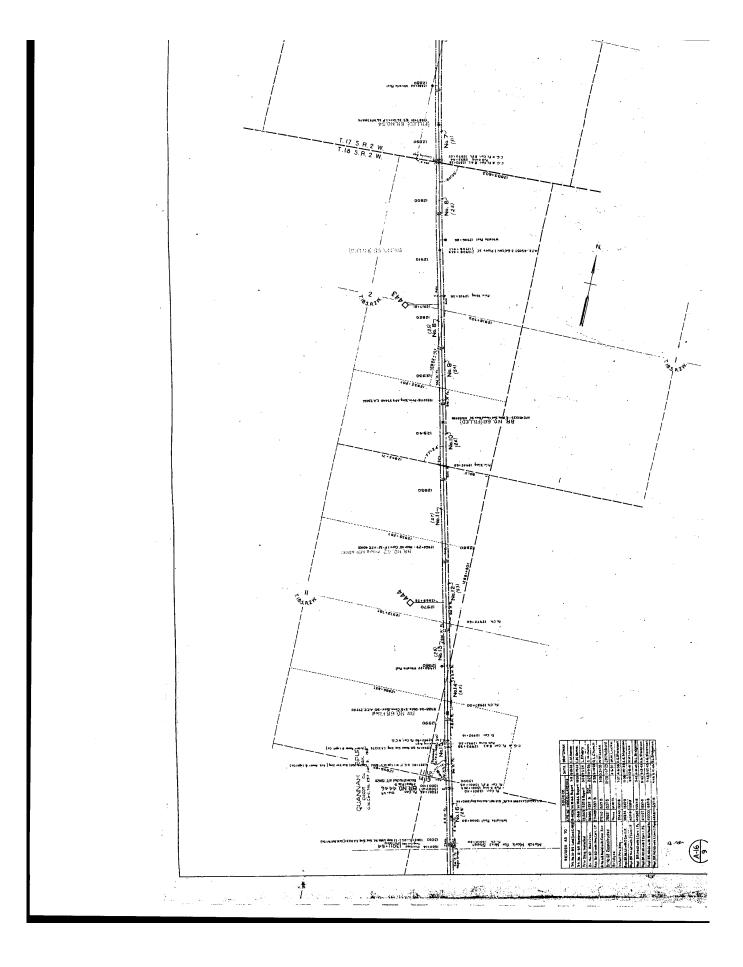


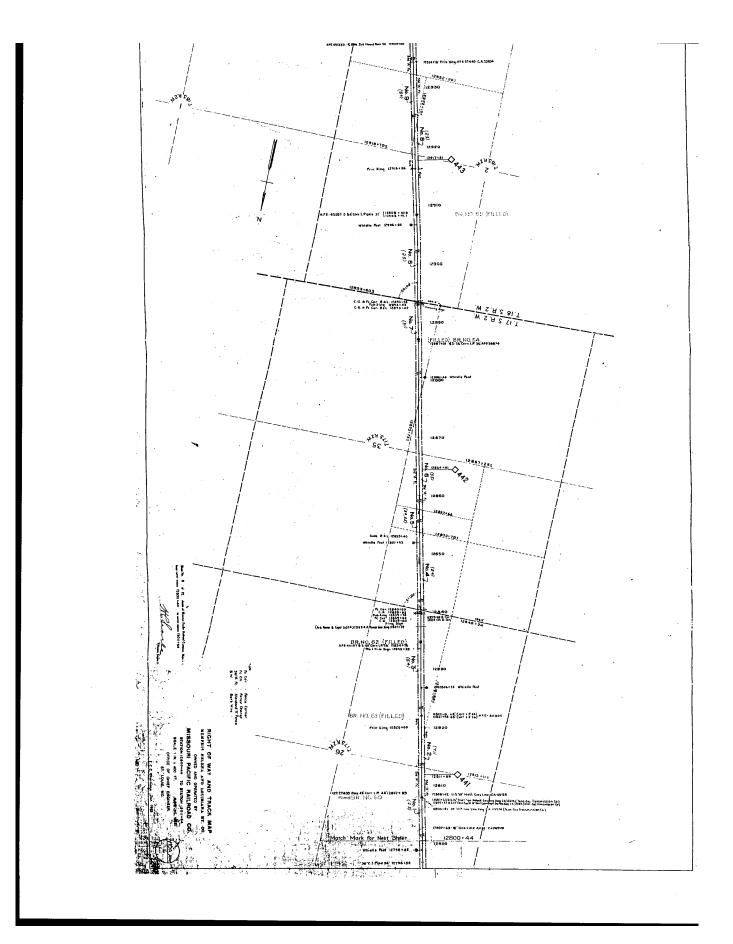


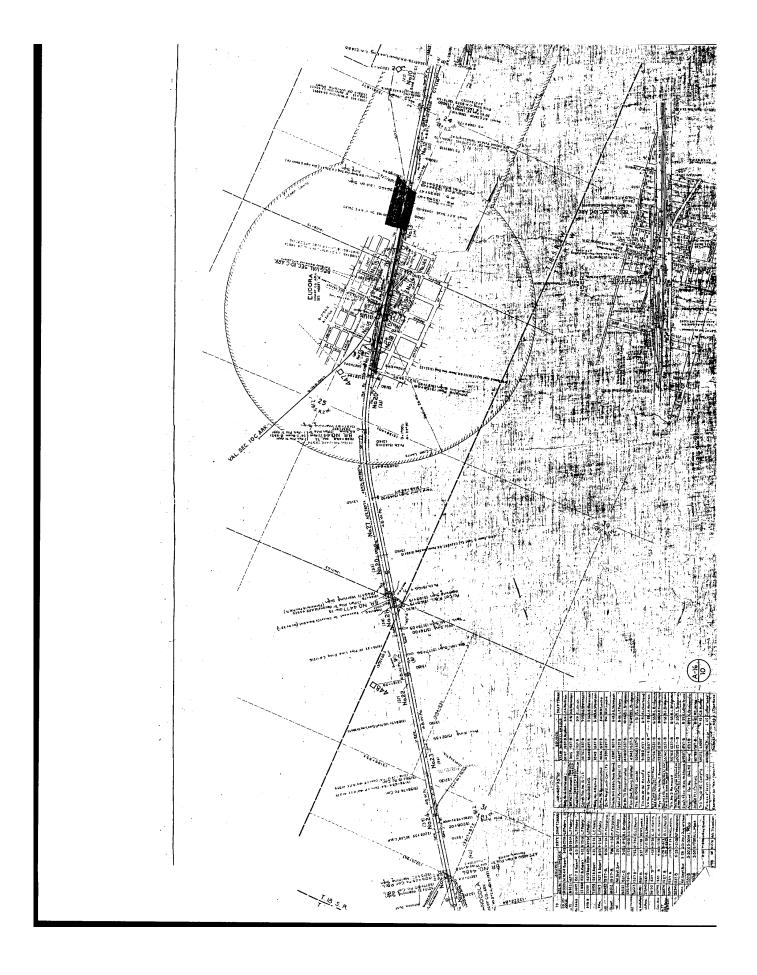
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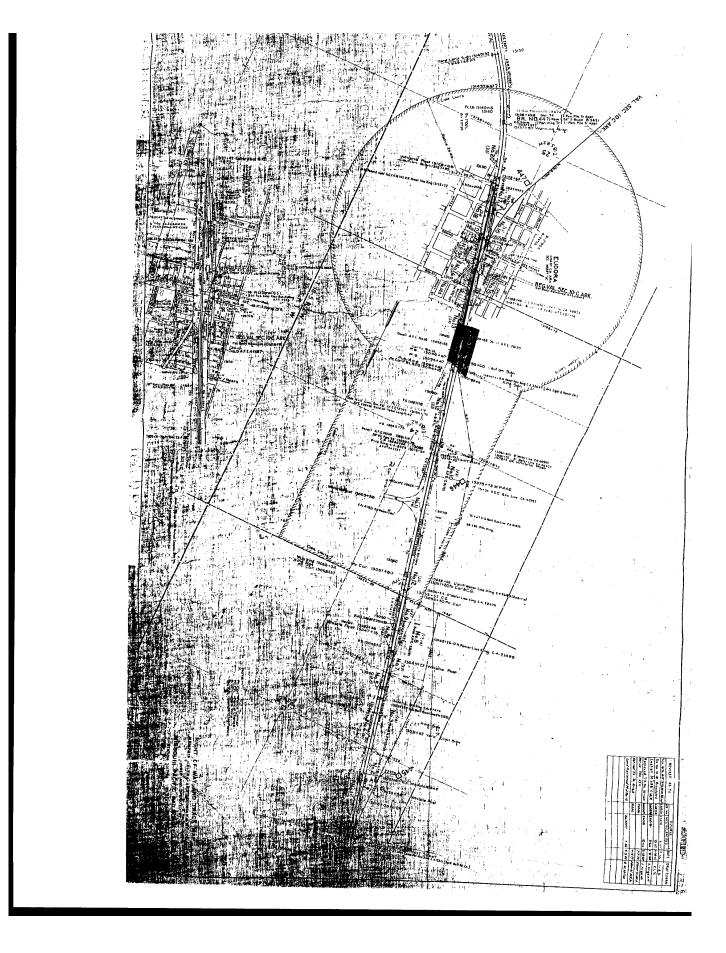


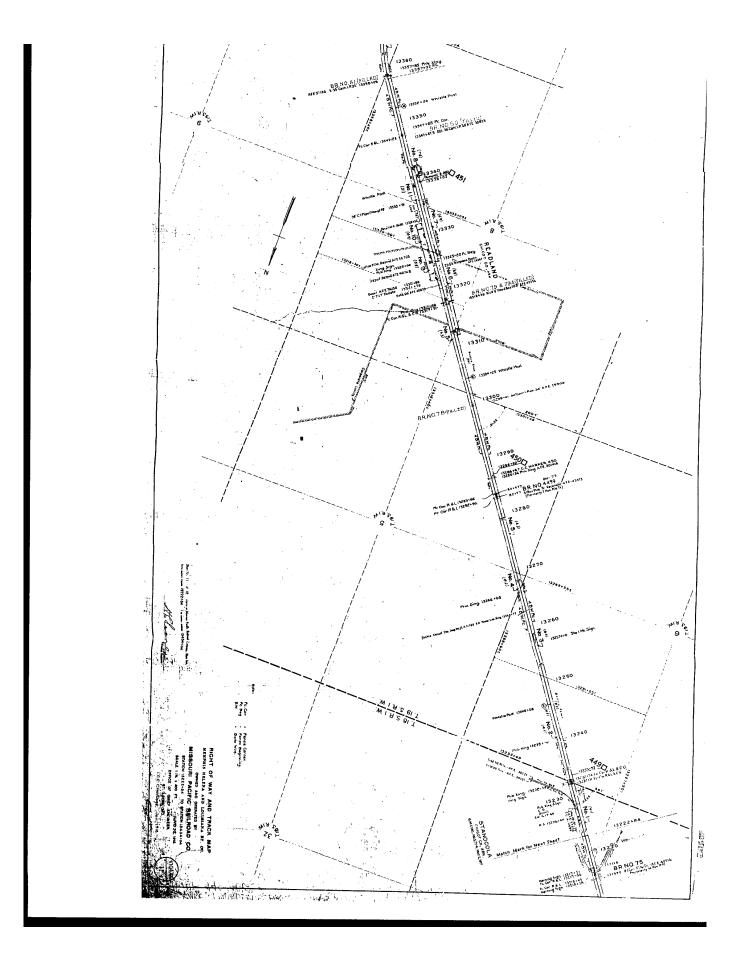


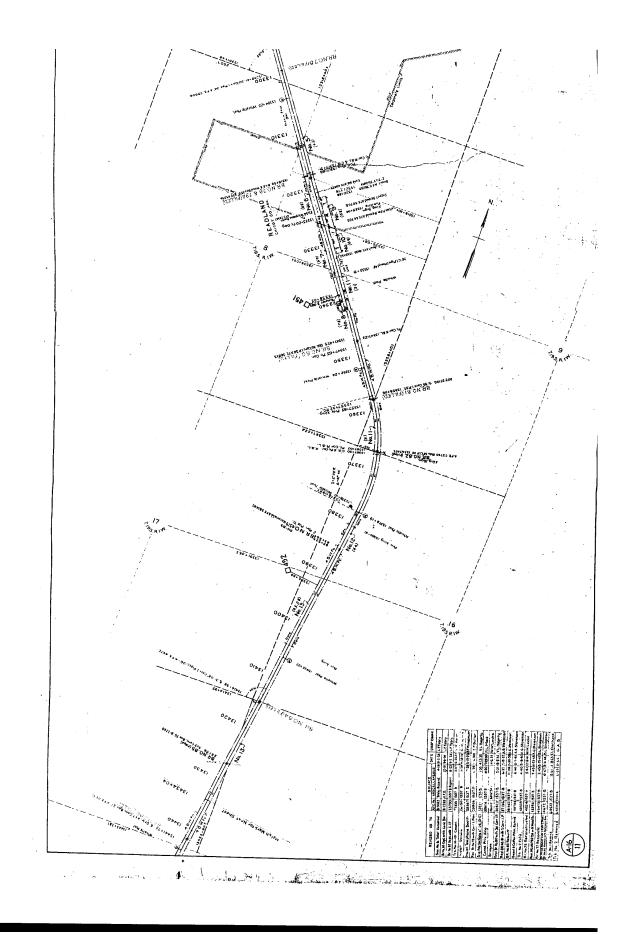


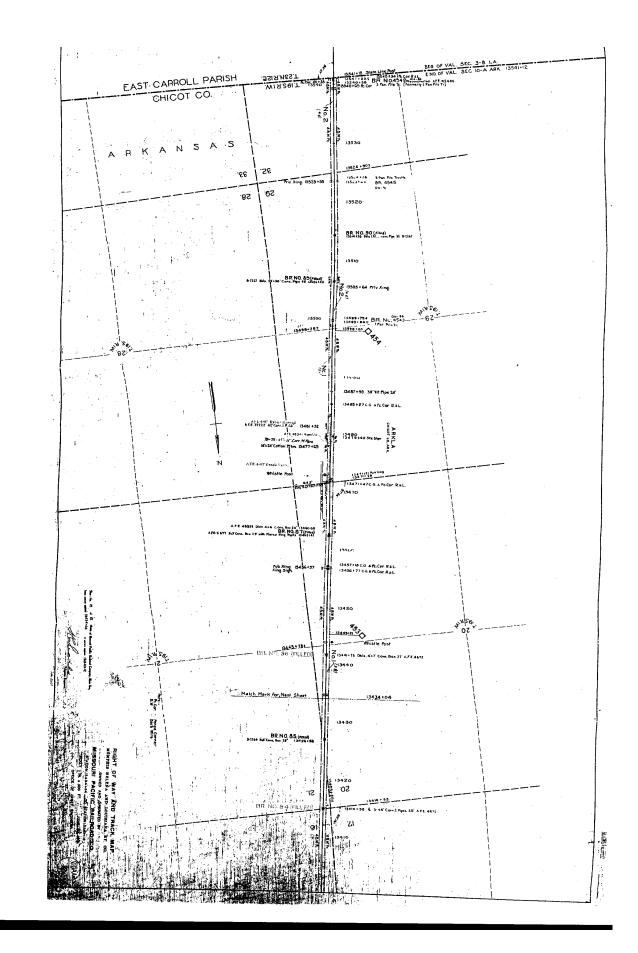




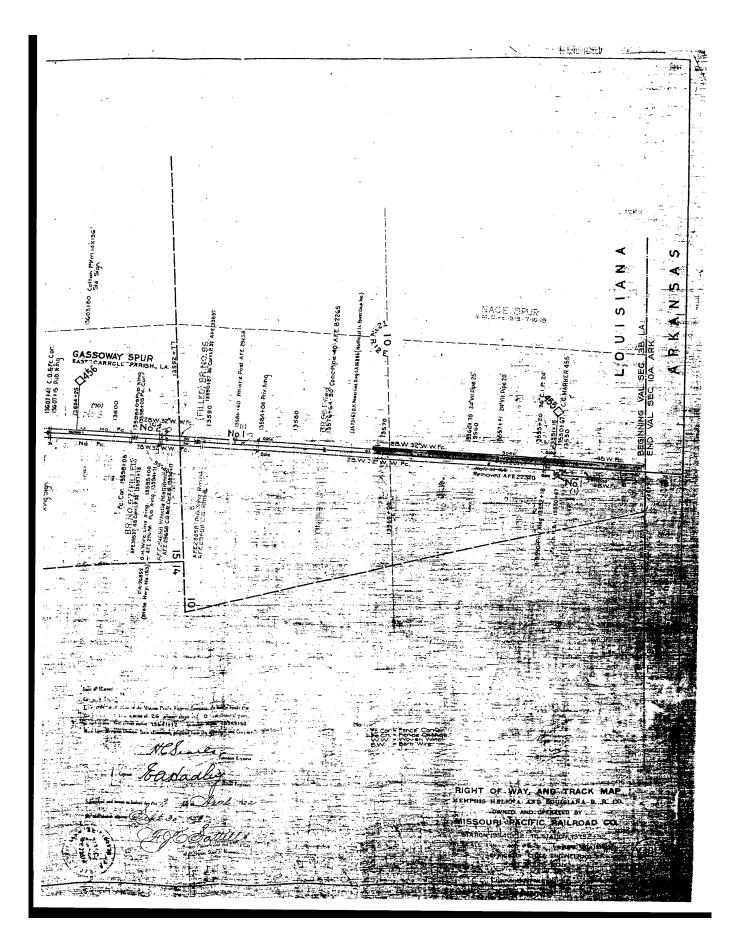


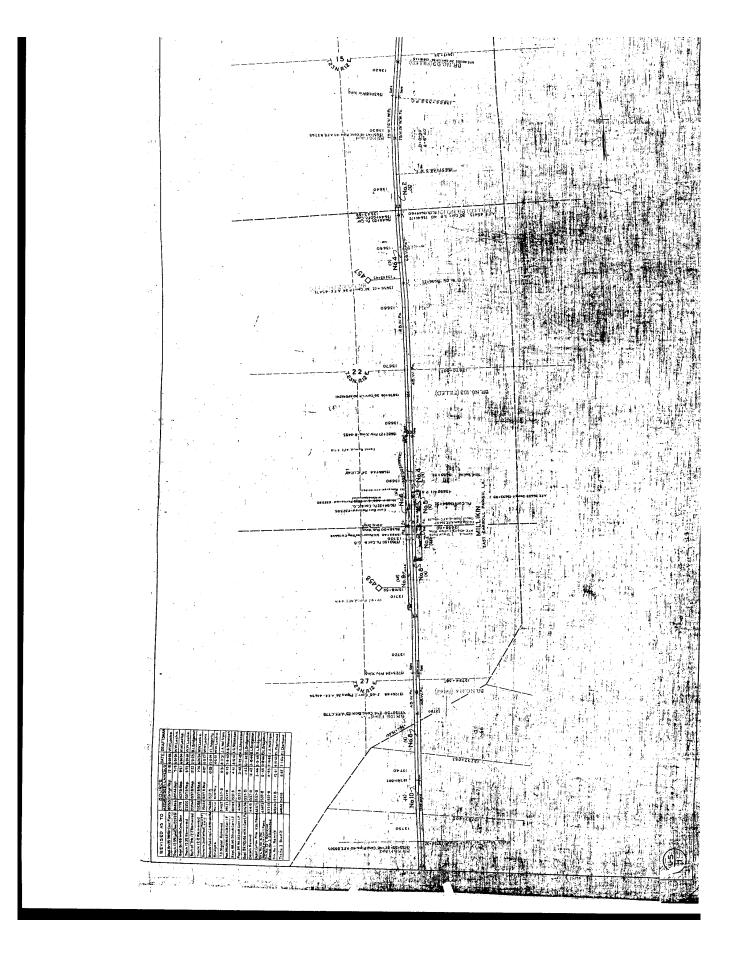




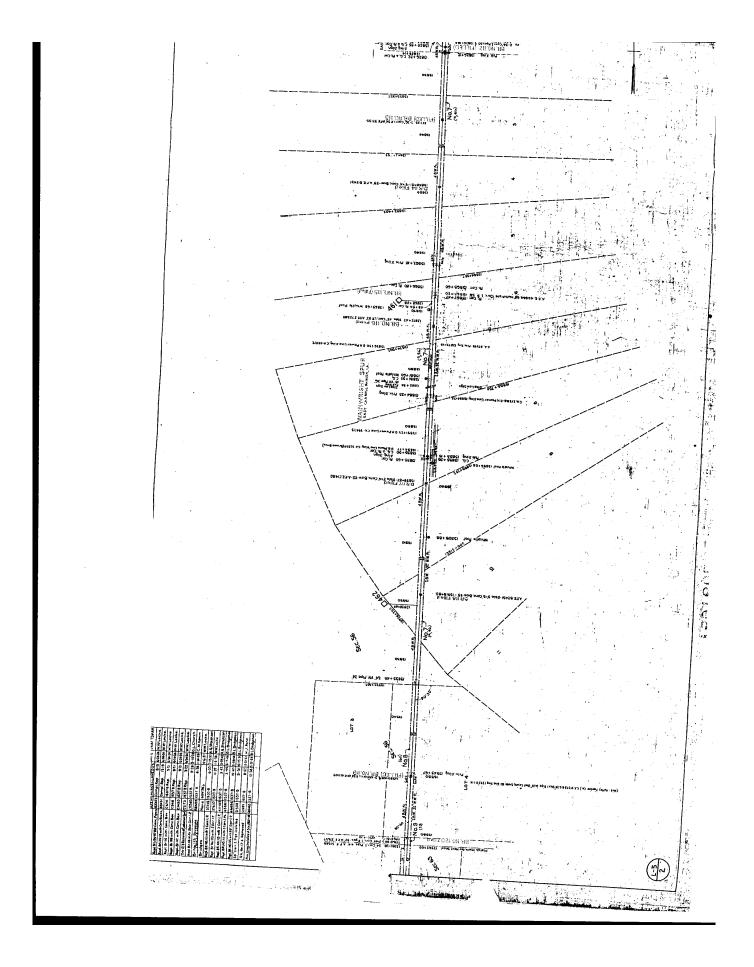


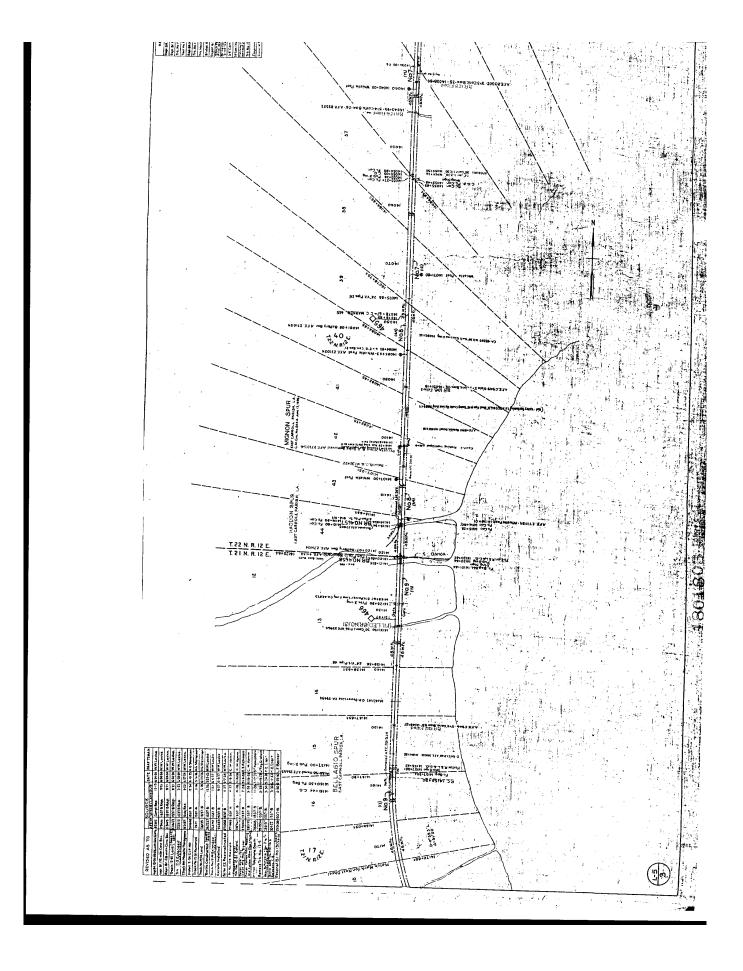
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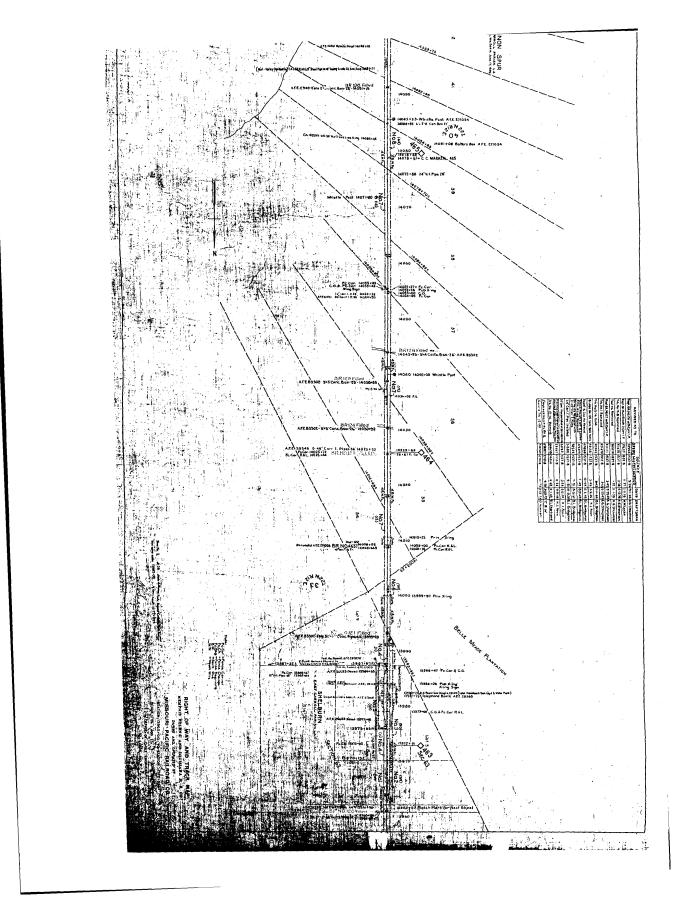


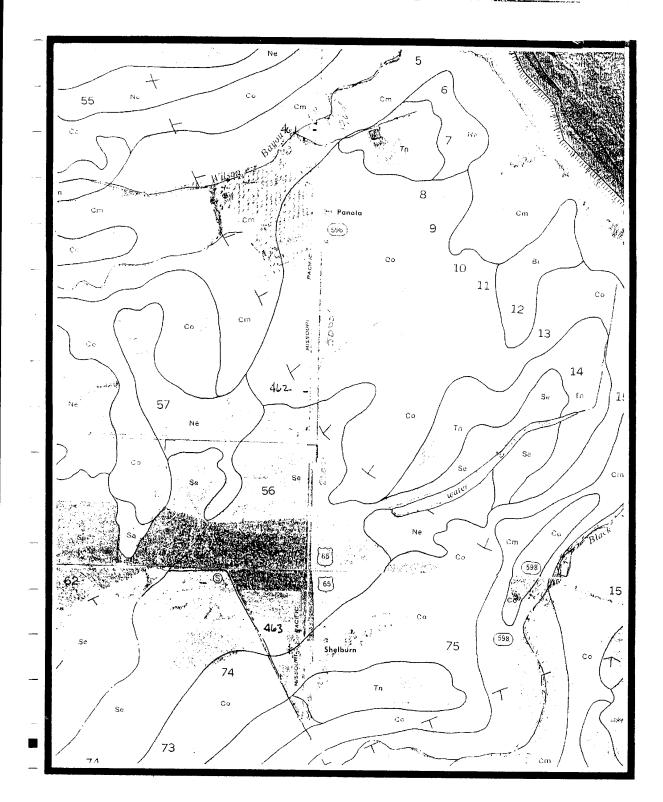


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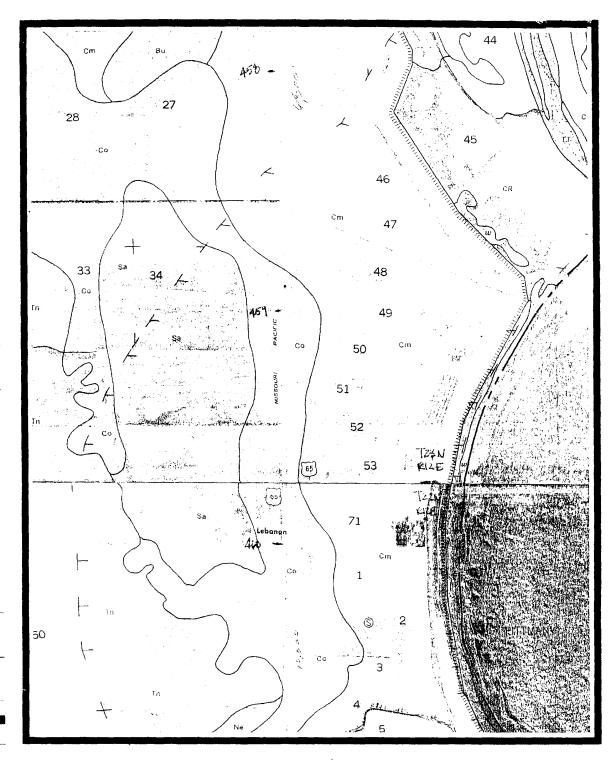




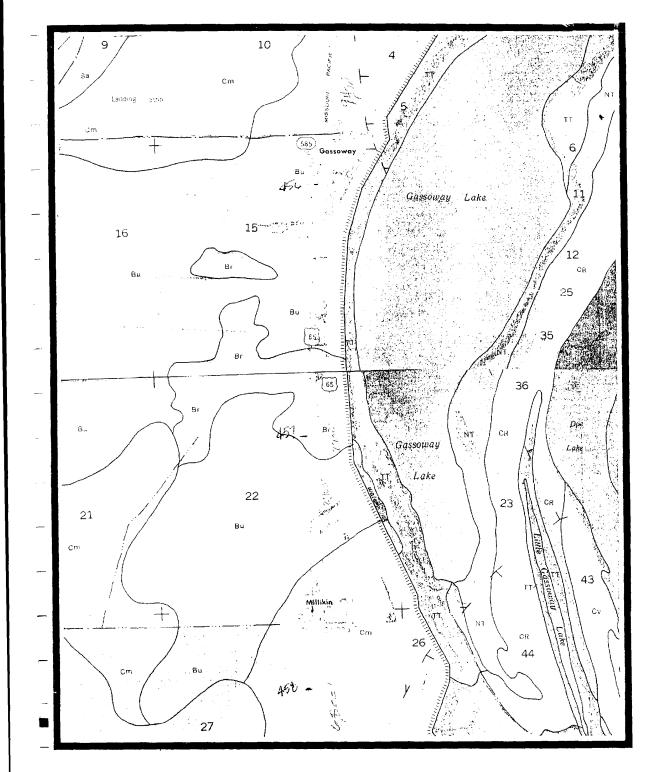




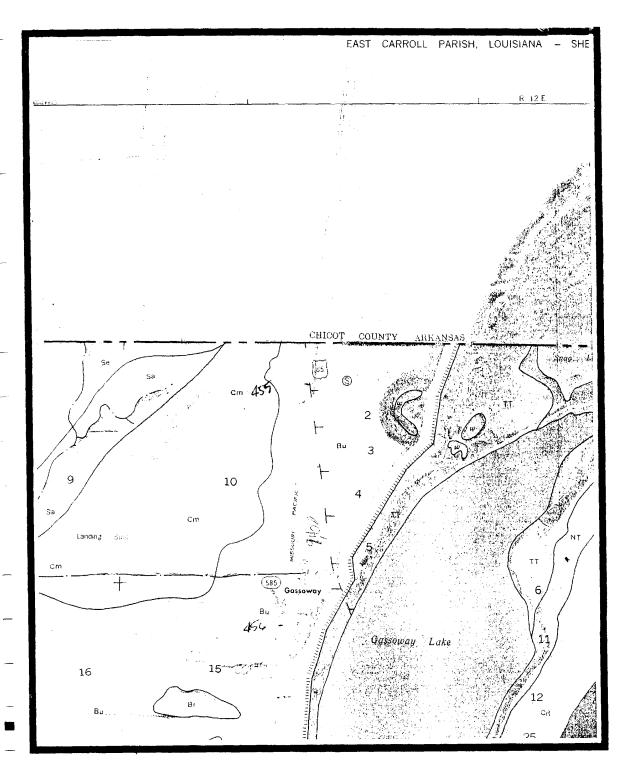
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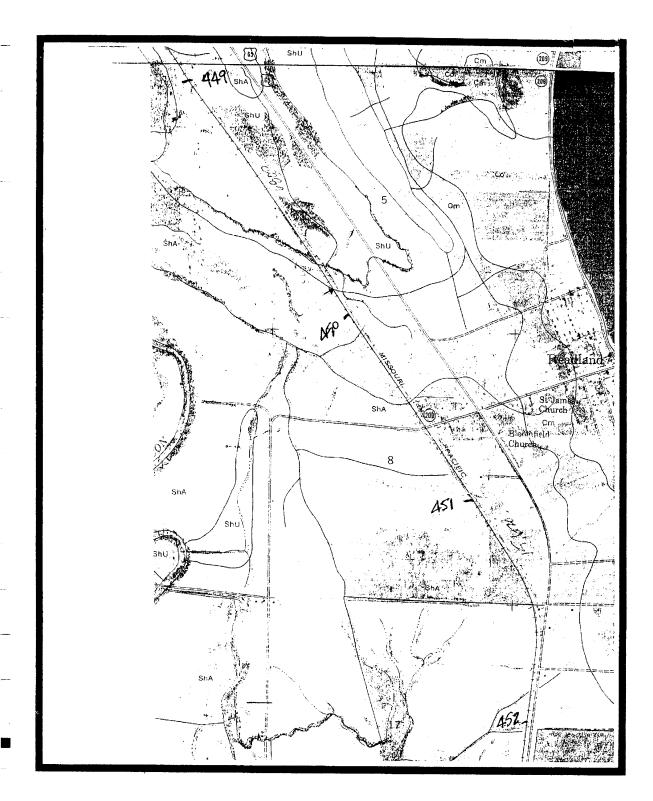


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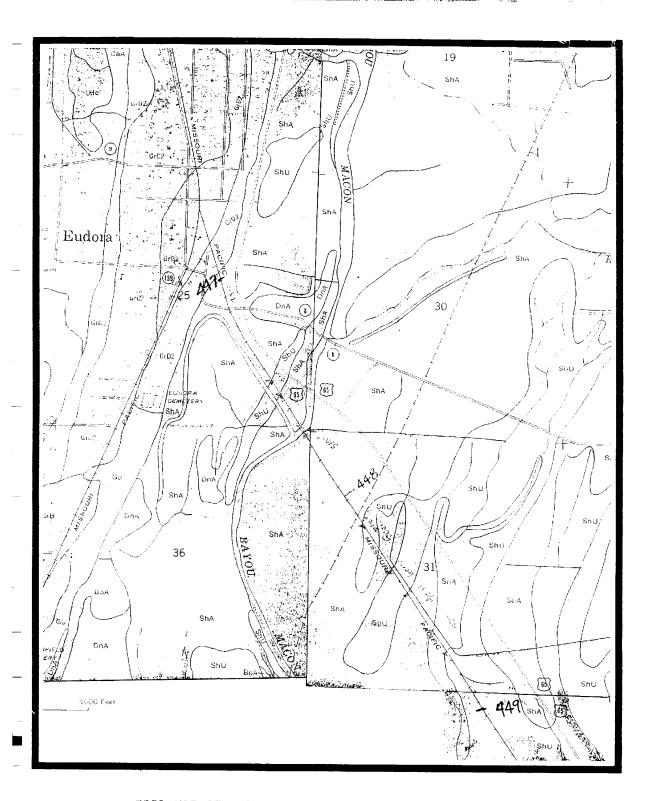


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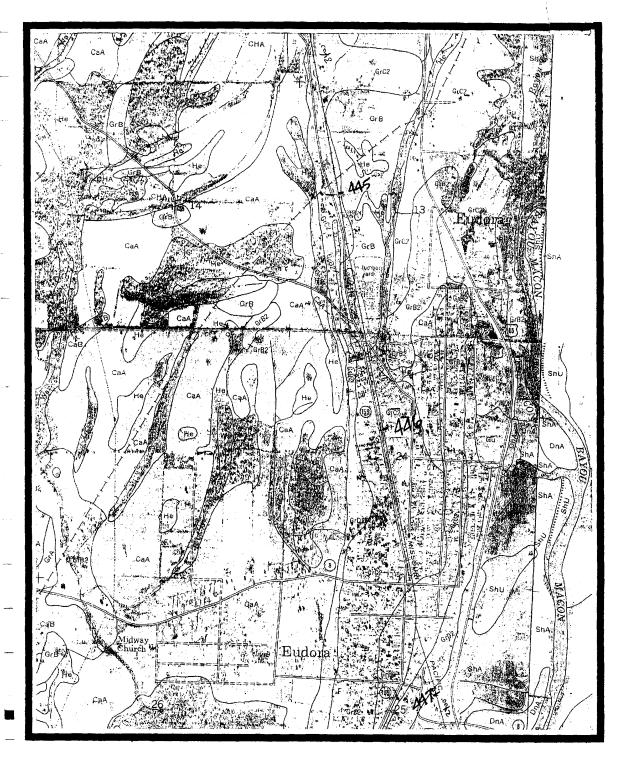
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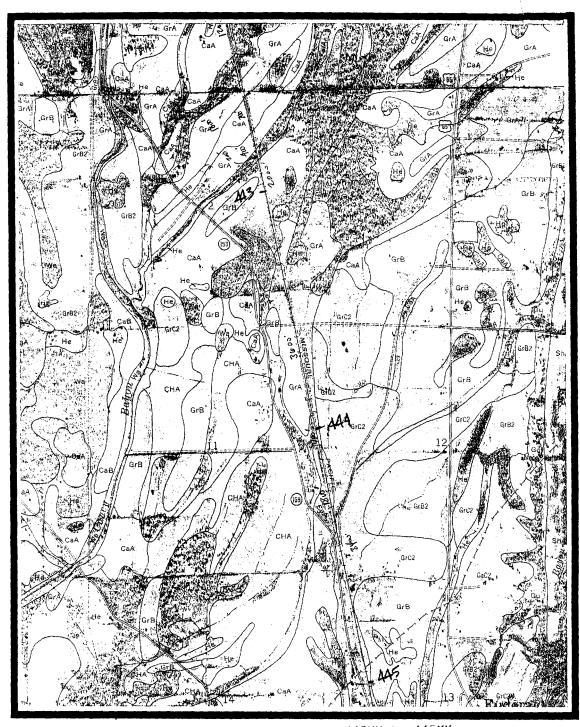
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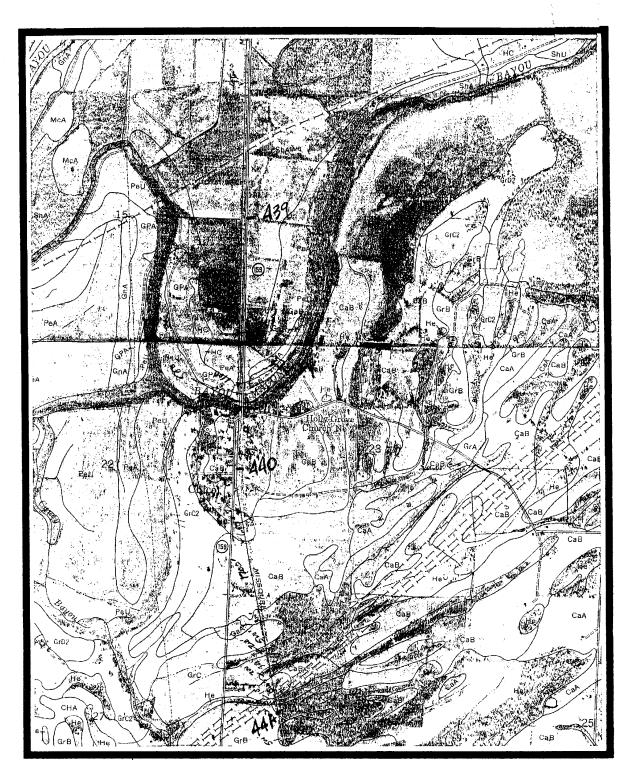
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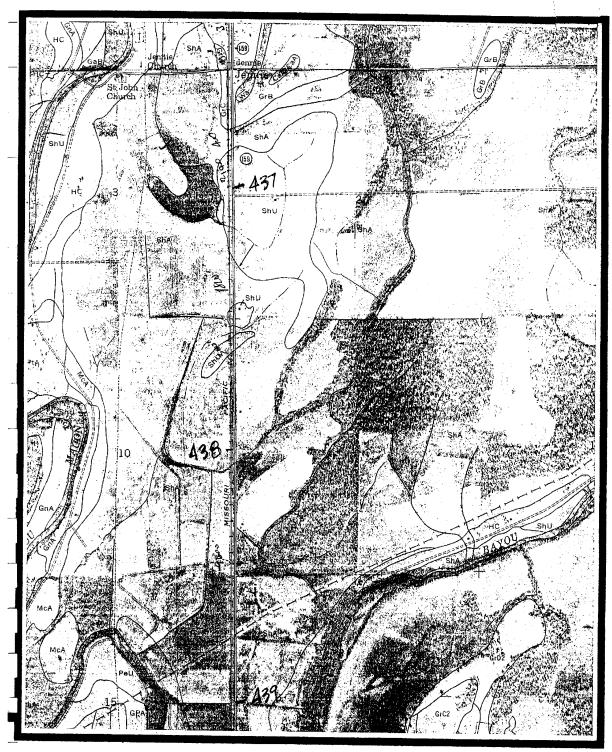
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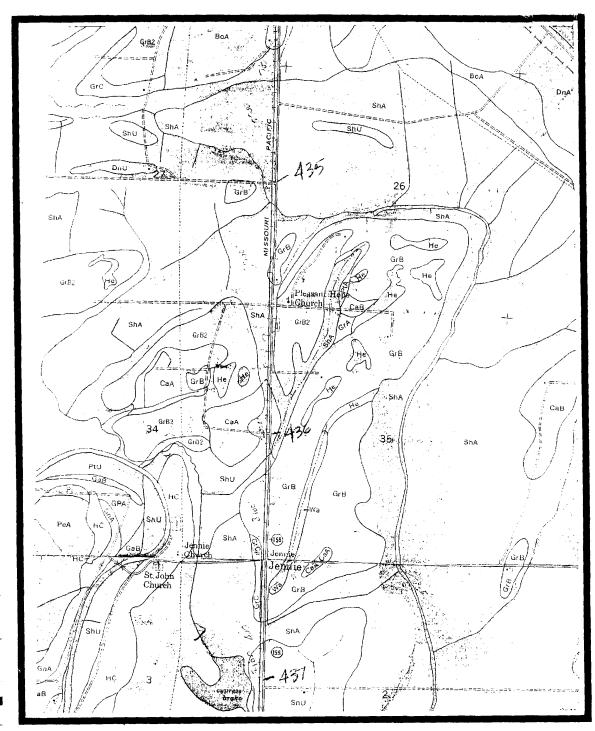
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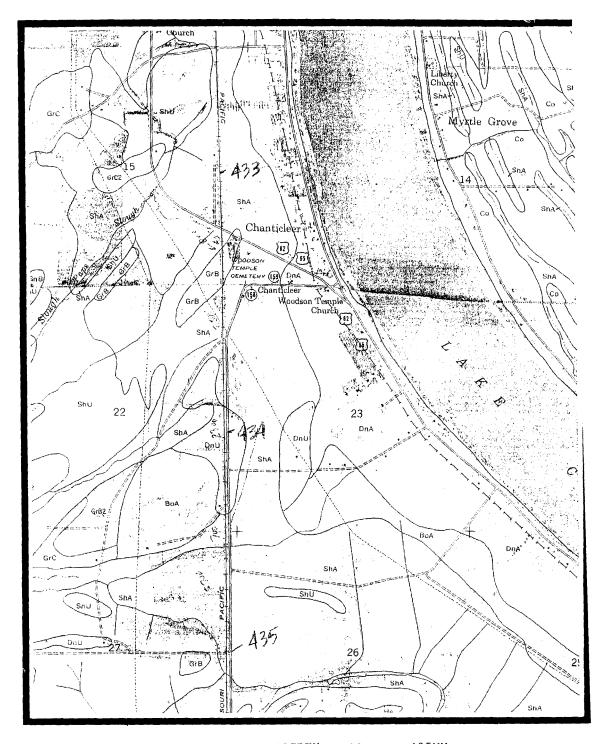
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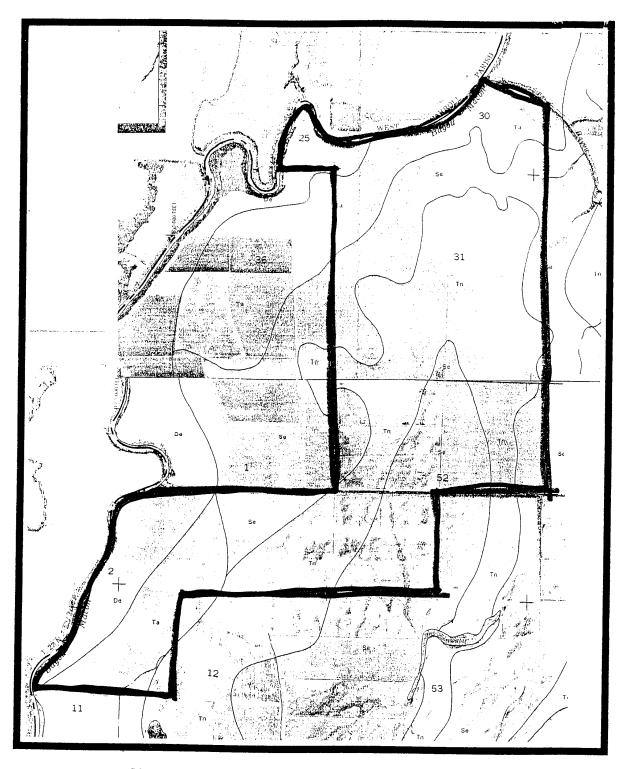


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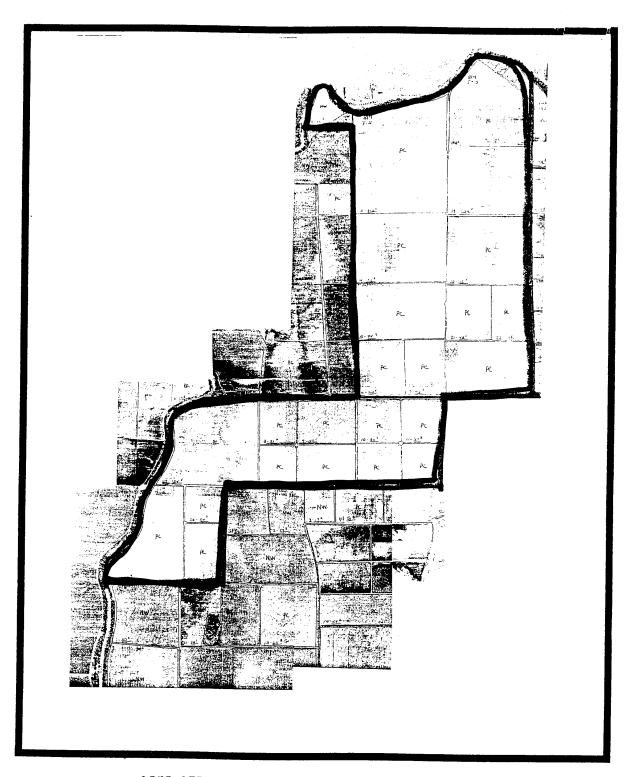


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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION **REAL ESTATE SALES DATA** Date of Transfer Town or Nearest Town Buver 10/18/2004 Pretzer L & C Co/S & N Equipment Co. - Sale #1 Lake Providence County Contract East Carroll Family Farms, I & II x Deed Property commonly known as: State Louisiana ACRES IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY CONSIDERATION (Use Sec., Twp., Rge., when applicable) OR LOTS A tract of land located in Sections 25, T23N, R11E, Amount Stated \$3,500,000 Sections 30 and 31, T23N, R12E and Sections 1,2,11,12,T22N, Federal Stamps \$ R11E and Section 52, T22N, T12E. State Stamps \$ 1,793.93 TOTAL ACRES OR LOTS CONVEYED Assumed Mortgage | \$ MINERAL RIGHTS 100% \$/AC Water Rights Yes No ACTUAL PRICE \$3,500,000 TERMS OF SALE Consideration Verified With Cash Sale CB 158, 412/419 BUILDINGS CONTRIBUTORY VALUE OF BUILDINGS AT TIME SOLD SIZE CONDI-KIND RF-USEFUL CON-CON-KIND ΩF DIMENSION TION YEAR PLACE-LIFE REPLACE-TRIBU KIND OF BUILDING STRUC-OF FOUN-OR AREA STOR-OF BUILT. MENT REMAIN MENT TORY-TION ROOF OF GROUND BUILD-IFS DA-COSTS ING VALUE VALUE TION FLOOR ING (1) (11) (2) (3) (4) (6) (7) (10) (12) (5) A. \* DWELLINGS B. Equip. Shop 14,999 \_15,000 2,970 SF Avg 45,000 33.33 66,000 C. Equip. Shop 198,450 33.26 66,004 13,230 SF Avg D. Equip. Shed 40,500 59.5 24,098 24,000 8,100 SF Avg E. 4 Center Pivots 160,000 31.25 50,000 50,000 F. 16 Wells & Power units 352,000 146,010 146,000 41.48 TOTALS 795,950 nk Sewer 24,300 301,111 301,000 Gas \* FACILITIES Septic Tank Electricity Water Central Heat CONTRIBUTORY LAND VALUES BY MARKET ABSTRACTION KIND OF DEPTH OF USE OF LAND ACRES SOIL DESCRIPTION TOPOGRAPHY TOPSOIL SUBSOIL PER ACRE (2) (1) (6) (3) (5) CROPLAND Class II soils 169 6'' SCL, SL 0-1%slope 2,185 De \_369,265 Class III soils 3'' - 7'' 1,516.90 Se, Ta, Tn, Clay, SCL 0-1%slope 1,823 2,765,309 TOTAL CROPLAND 1,685.90 PERM. PASTURE Building Site 18,210 WOODLAND FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC. 102.03 46,220 1,793.930 TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF LAND \$ 3,199,004 COMMENTS: (Include any hazards, detriments or limiting conditions) This property is located at the northern end of East Carroll Parish. The property is located at the end of a parish gravel road provding public access to the property. The property was purchased by a father/son in two seperate deeds, but is considered to be one sale. Property has several buildings, four center pivots and 12ea - 16' wells and 4ea-12'' wells, with power units. Property has a wheat base-253.2 ac. /gov't paymenet yield 48bu; rice base-559.3ac,/gov't payment yield 4362#/ac.;cotton base-1106.2ac.-gov't payment yield 1059#/ac.;soybean base-80.4ac./gov't payment yield 18bu/ac.

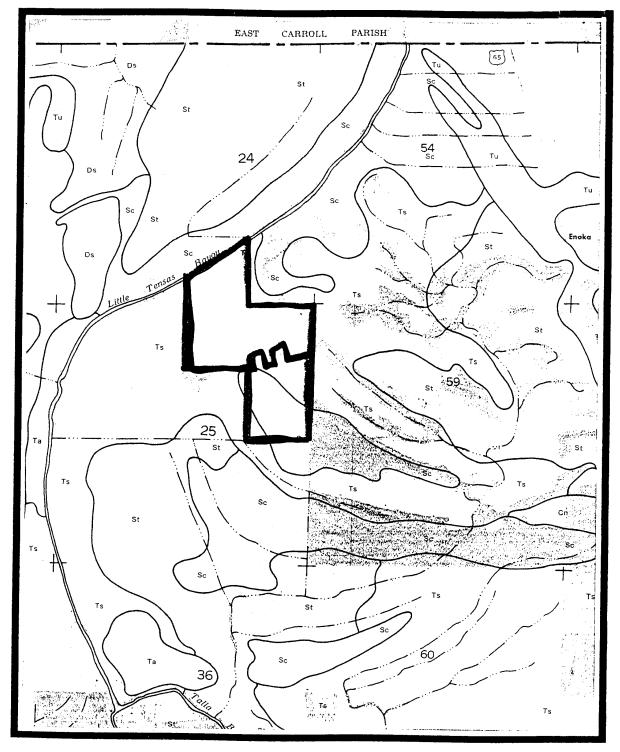


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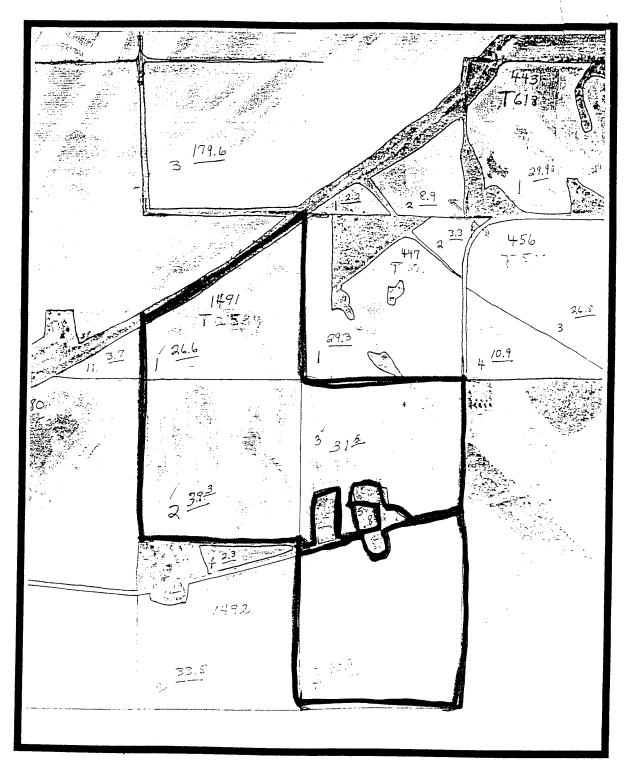


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Seller Samuel H. Hill	Charles_L. Vining, III Sale # Seller Samuel H. Hill							Contract	Town or Nearest Town Tallulah County Madison				
A tract of land loc Range 12 East.	IDENTIFI (Use Sec. Ty cated in	vp., Rge., wi	nen applicabl on 25,	le) Towns	hip 18 N	Jorth,	144	ACRES OR LOTS 4.4	Amount	CONSIDER Stated Stamps	ATION \$ 184,000 \$		
MINERAL RIGHTS TERMS OF SALE Cash Sale	OTAL ACR	ES OR LC	TS CON	VEYED		Ye	144 s	1 . 4 No	State St Assumed ACTUAL Consider	amps d Mortgage	\$ \$ \$ 184,000		
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KIND OF BUILDING	YEAR BUILT	CON- STRUC-	KIND OF	KIND OF FOUN-	DIMENSIO OR AREA	ZE N STOI	CONDI- TION R- OF	RE- PLACE-	USEFUL LIFE REMAIN	REPLACE- MENT	CON- TRIBU TORY-		
(1) A. *DWELLINGS B.	(2)	TION (3)	(4)	DA- TION (5)	OF GROUN FLOOR (6)		ING	COSTS (9) \$	ING (10) %	VALUE (11) \$	VALUE (12)		
C. D. E. TOTALS													
* FACILITIES	Water		Gas	L	Central	l Heat	Septic	Tank Se		Elec	tricity		
	COI	NTRIBU	TORY I	AND \				STRACTION	-				
USE OF LAND (1)	ACRE	S S	OIL DES		N DEPTH TOPS	OIL	KIND OF SUBSOIL (5)	TOPOGRAPHY (6)	PER ACRE (7)		TOTAL (8)		
CROPLAND Class III Soils	1.3	9.1 Ts	,Sc		5''-	6''	C,SC,SL	0-3%slope	\$	1,310	182,221		
TOTAL CROPLAND PERM. PASTURE	139	.10											
WOODLAND FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC.		5.3								336	1,781		
TOTAL  COMMENTS: (Include any haz approximately 7 mile are located on the plated the legal decomposition)	es along property	s or limiting of a par	ish gr lindic	avel r	oad. Pro	operty erty t	is a ro	ow crop far	llulah m. No	ND \$  , LA  improvem	184,002		

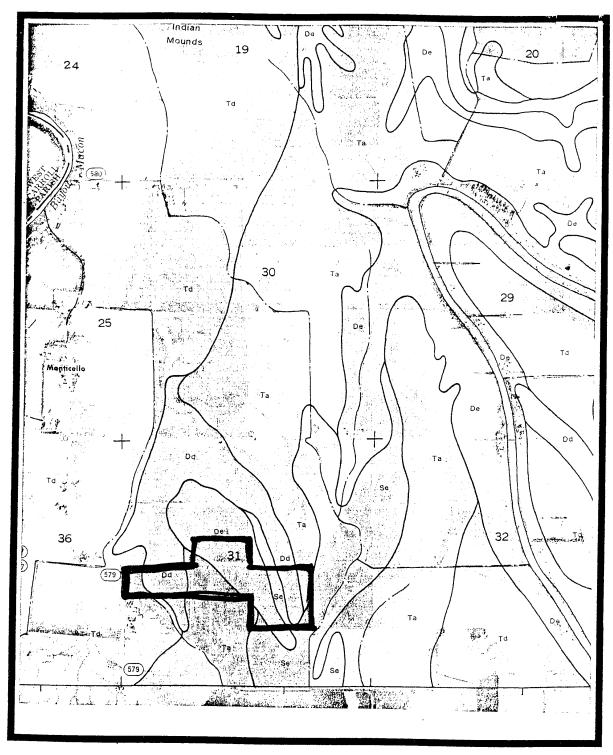


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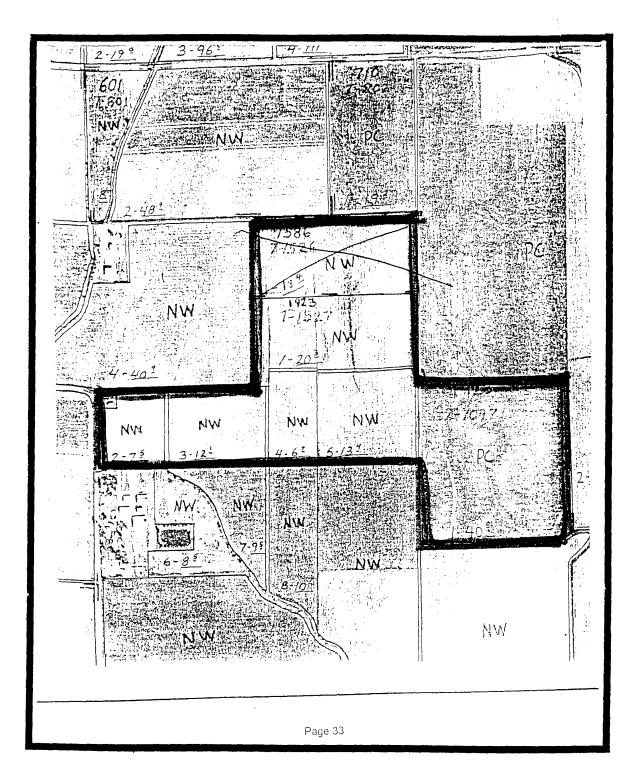


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Buyer Mar-Kei Plantation, Seller Todd Burgess Property commonly known a			Sale #	3	8/	te of Tr 25/20 Deed	04	Contract	Monti County	r Nearest Tow cello Carroll	vn
	(Use Sec., Tv	wp., Rge. ربي	OF PROPI	le)	ip 19, N	orth,	1	ACRES OR LOTS		CONSIDERA	\$ 130,000
MINERAL RIGHTS % TERMS OF SALE Cash Sale		ES OR L	OTS CON	VEYED				00 No	State St Assume ACTUAL Conside	amps d Mortgage	\$ \$ \$ 130,000
			ONTOIN	<b>TOD</b>	BUILDIN						
KIND OF BUILDING	YEAR BUILT	CON- STRUC- TION	KIND	KIND OF FOUN-	DIMENSION OR AREA OF GROUNI	E N STO	COND TION R- OF	RE- PLACE- MENT	USEFUL LIFE REMAIN	1	CON- TRIBU TORY-
A. DWELLINGS	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	FLOOR (6)	(7)	ING (8)	(9) \$	(10) %	(11) \$	(12)
C. D. E. TOTALS											
* FACILITIES	Water		Gas		Central I				ewer	☐ Elect	ricity
		1			DEBTH		RKET A	BSTRACTION	<b>V</b>	VALUI	<del></del>
USE OF LAND (1) CROPLAND	ACRE		SOIL DES	CRIPTION 3)	TOPS(	OIL	SUBSO (5)	ITOPOGRAPL	PER	ACRE (7)	TOTAL (8)
Class II Soils Class III Soils		56 Do	d,De		5'' -		sı,scı Clay	0-1%slope 0-1%slope	\$ •	1,403 1,169	78,568 51,436
TOTAL CROPLAND PERM. PASTURE	100	0.00									
WOODLAND FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC.			***								
COMMENTS: (Include any hazar East Carroll Parish. access to the local i property has a cotton yield of 42bu/ac.:so	The pr marketi n base-	s or limiting roperting are	y <u>is lo</u> ≘a. No /gov't	cated buildi paymer	along a ng impro t vield-	paris vment 765#/	sh grav s are	rel road whi located on pats base-1	ticello	communityides adec	quate ne

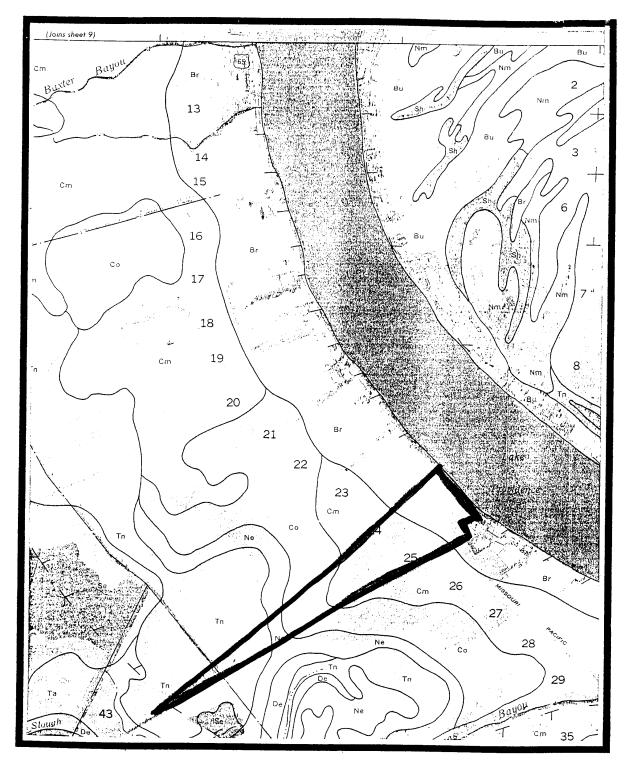


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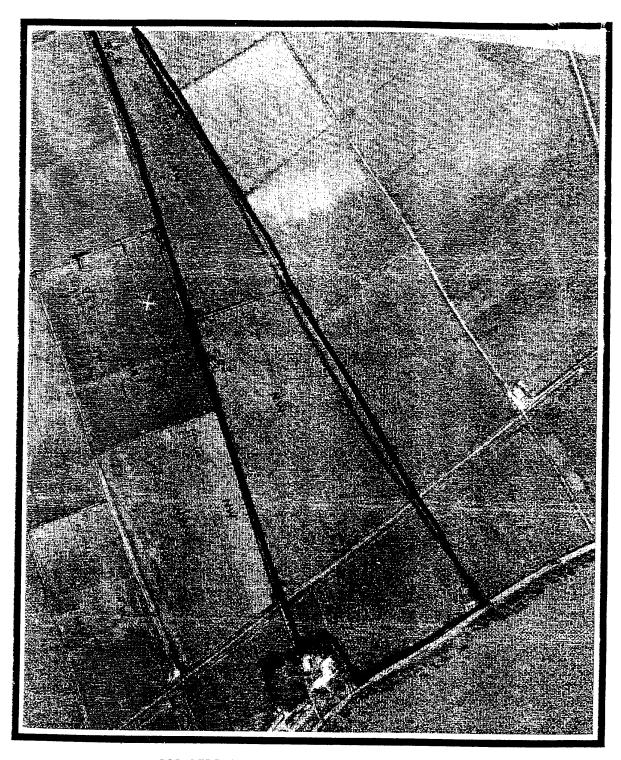


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Buyer Robert B. H Seller Owen Stuart		T.		Sa	ale #4			3/1	of Tra 0/200 Deed	04	Contract	Lake Coun	Town or Nearest Town Lake Providence County East Carroll			
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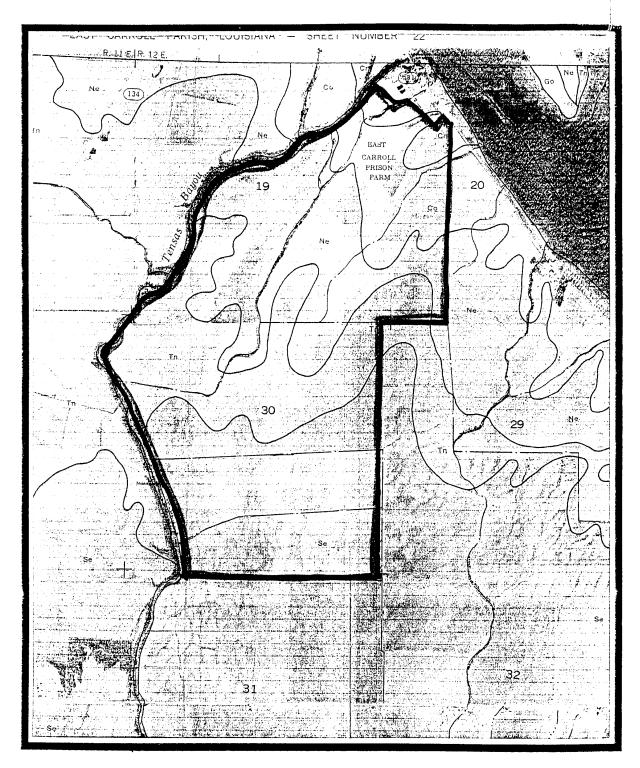


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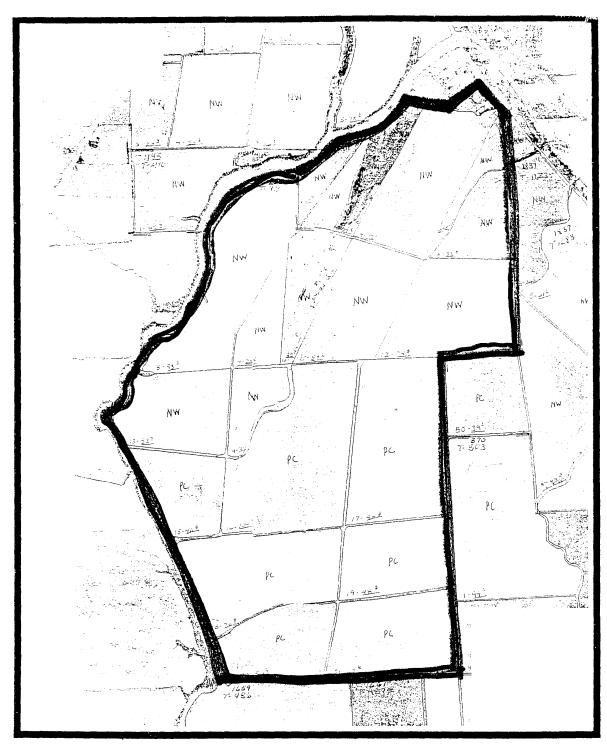


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WOODLAND FARMSTEAD															
ROADS, ETC.	1,055.	54 .000									MARKET VAL	UE OF LA	256 ND		3,824 8,628
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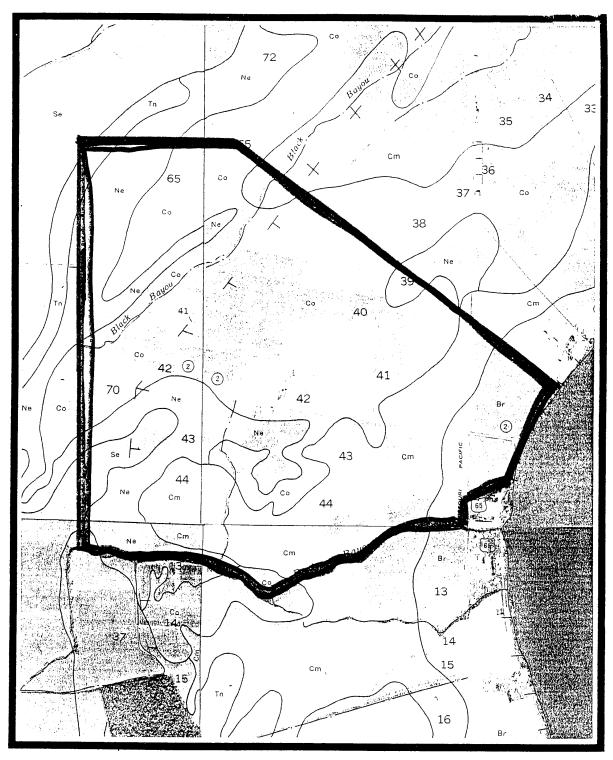


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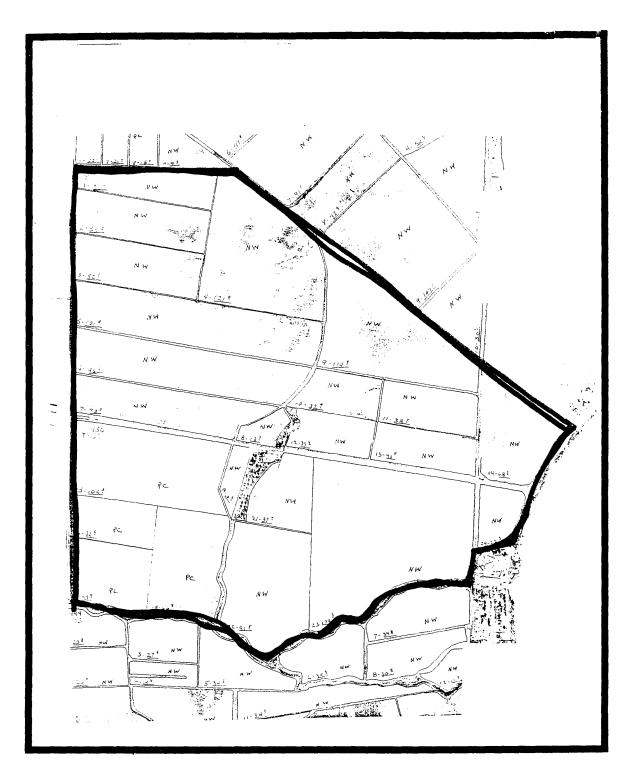


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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE **FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION** REAL ESTATE SALES DATA Buyer Date of Transfer Town or Nearest Town Terral Farms Sale #6 11/04/2003 Lake Providence Seller County Keller Enterprises, et al Contract x Deed East Carroll Property commonly known as: State Louisiana IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY ACRES CONSIDERATION (Use Sec., Twp., Rge., when applicable) OR LOTS A tract of land located in Sections 39,40,41,42,43,44,65,70 T22N,R12E and Sections 12 and 37, T21N, R13E. 1,555.74 Amount Stated \$2,800,332 Federal Stamps \$ State Stamps 1,555.74 TOTAL ACRES OR LOTS CONVEYED Assumed Mortgage \$ MINERAL RIGHTS 0% \$/AC Water Rights X Yes No ACTUAL PRICE \$2,800,332 TERMS OF SALE Consideration Verified With Cash Deed CB 157, PG 42 BUILDINGS CONTRIBUTORY VALUE OF BUILDINGS AT TIME SOLD CONDI-KIND SIZE RE-USEFUL CON-OF DIMENSION KIND TION YEAR PLACE-LIFE TRIBU KIND OF BUILDING REPLACE-STRUC-OF FOUN-OR AREA STOR OF BUILT MENT REMAIN MENT TORY-TION OF GROUND IES ROOF DA-BUILD-COSTS ING VALUE VALUE TION FLOOR (1) ING (12) (11) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (10) A. \* DWELLINGS B. Equip. Shed 3000 6,000 15,000 6,000 Fair 40 C. Equip. Shed 6000 Fair 29,000 20.7 6,003 6,000 D. Storage 600 Avg/G 6000 \_\_50 3,000 3,000 E. 3 Center Pivots 135,000 38.5 51,975 52,000 F. 4 wells/P.U. 80,000 32.5 26,000 26,000 TOTALS 265,000 Septic Tank Sewer 9,600 92,978 Electricity 93,000 ┌ <sub>Gas</sub> \* FACILITIES Water Central Heat CONTRIBUTORY LAND VALUES BY MARKET ABSTRACTION DEPTH OF KIND OF USE OF LAND ACRES SOIL DESCRIPTION TOPOGRAPHY TOPSOIL SUBSOIL PER ACRE (1) TOTAL (2) (8) (5) (7) CROPLAND Class I Soils 102 Br 2450 249,900 Class II Soils 1,327.94 Cm,Co,Ne, 1764 2,342,486 Class III Soils 53 Se, Tn 1470 77,910 TOTAL CROPLAND 1,482.94 PERM. PASTURE Building Site WOODLAND FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC. TOTAL 1,555.740 MARKET VALUE OF LAND \$ 2,707,361 COMMENTS: (Include any hazards, detriments or limiting conditions) This property is located just north of Lake Providence along LA Hwy 2 and U.S. Hwy 65. The property has been in row crop production for a number of years. Dwelling is located on property, but due to its poor condition, no value has been placed on this improvement. The crop bases consist of a wheat base-410.7ac./ government payment of 41bu/ac; corn base of 162.5ac./government paynmenet of 69bu/ac.; cotton base-705.6ac./government payment of 671#/ac.; soybean base-146.6ac./government payment yield of 42bu/ac.:grain sorghum base-10.3ac./government payment yield of 44bu/ac.

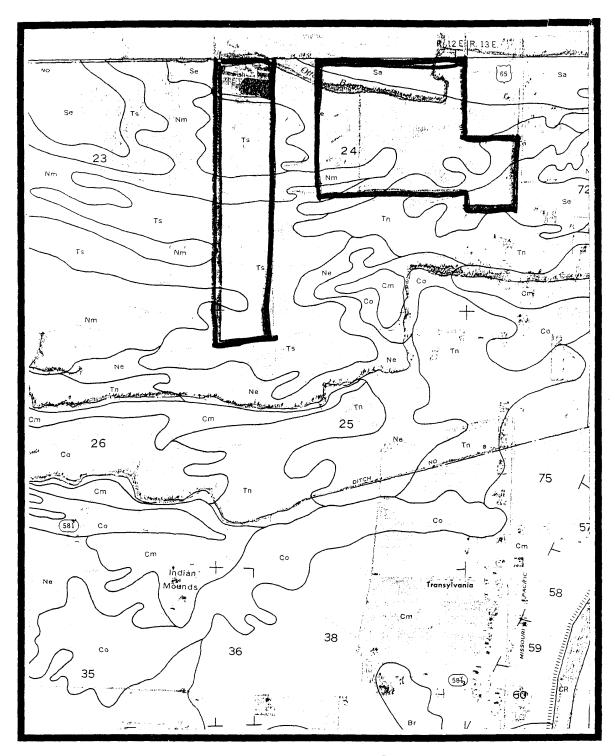


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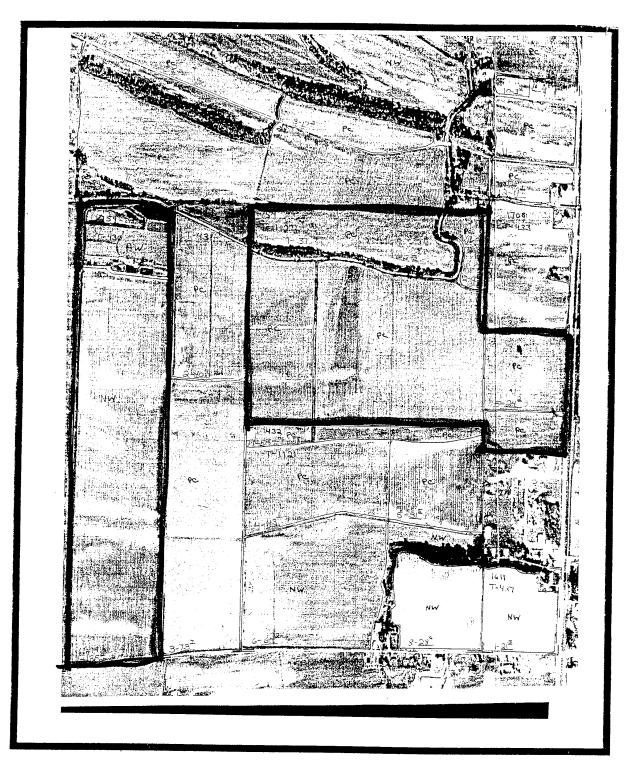


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Buyer Ted Oliver Schler		Sa.	le #7			Date of Transfer 7/15/2003					Town or Nearest Town Lake Providence			
Charles F. Paris Property commonly known				****	[6	X Deed Contract					County East Carroll State			
	IDENTIFI	CATION	OF PROP	FRTY				-T	ACRES	Louis	iana			
A tract of land lo	A tract of land located in Sections 24 and 25, Township 20 North, Range 12 East and Section 72								OR LOTS 5.886	CONSIDERATION  Amount Stated \$ 405,0				
Township 20 North,	Range 1 OTAL ACR	.3 East ES OR L	CTS CON	VEYED		275 006				Federal Stamps \$ State Stamps \$ Assumed Mortgage \$				
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A. * DWELLINGS	(2)	(3)	(4)	TION (5)	FLOOR (6)	(7	')	(8)	(9)	(10) %	(11)	(12)		
B. 10'' well C. D.									8,000	50	4,000	4,000		
F. TOTALS  * FACILITIES [	Water		Gas		Central	Heat		Sentic	8,000 Tank Se	wor	4,000	4,000 tric tv		
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USE OF LAND (1)	. ACRE		SOIL DES	CRIPTION	TOPS	EPTH OF KIN		ND OF IBSOIL (5)	TOPOGRAPHY	PER	ACRE (7)	JE TOTAL (8)		
CROPLAND Class III Soils	350	).60 т	s,Tn,Nm	ı,Sa,S∈	5''-	7''	Cla	y.sc	0-3%slope	\$	1,124	394,074		
TOTAL CROPLAND PERM. PASTURE	350	0.60												
WOODLAND FARMSTEAD														
ROADS, ETC. TOTAL	25. 375.	286 886							MARKET VALL	JE OF LA	274 ND \$	6,928 401,002		
COMMENTS: (Include any haz along U.S. 65. No bi property for irriga yield of 35 bu/acre and a soybean base of	uilding tion. Th , a cott	impro ne prop on bas	vements perty h se of 1	are l as a w .96.3 a	ocated on the ocated of the ocated of the ocated of the ocated oc	on these of	e pr 7.6	coperi acre	es with a g	l is l	ocated o	n the		

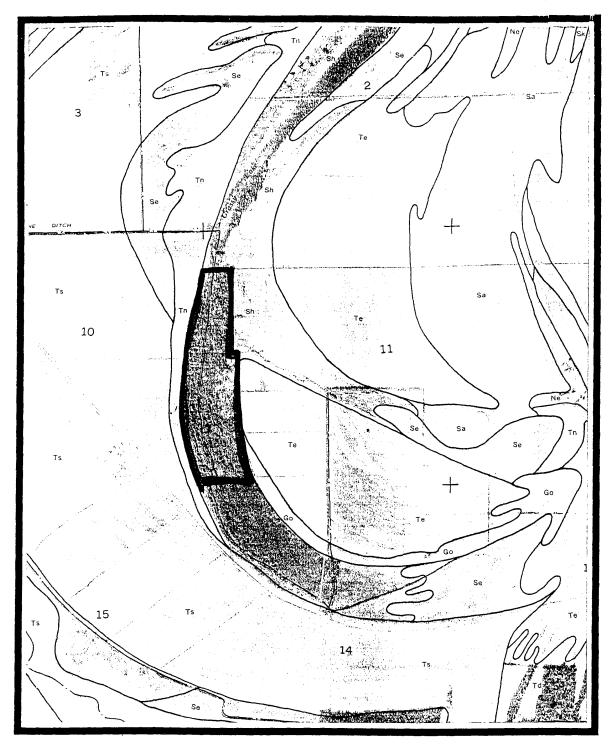


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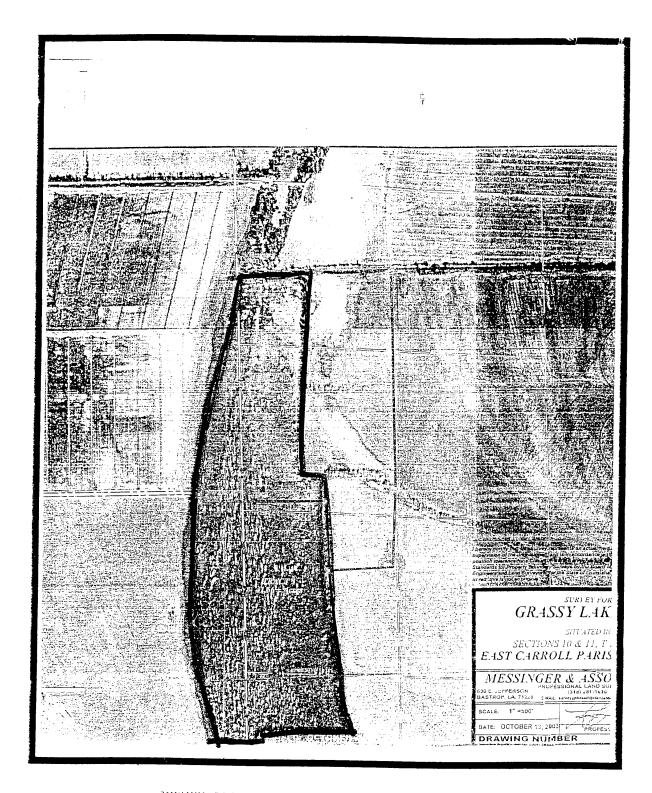


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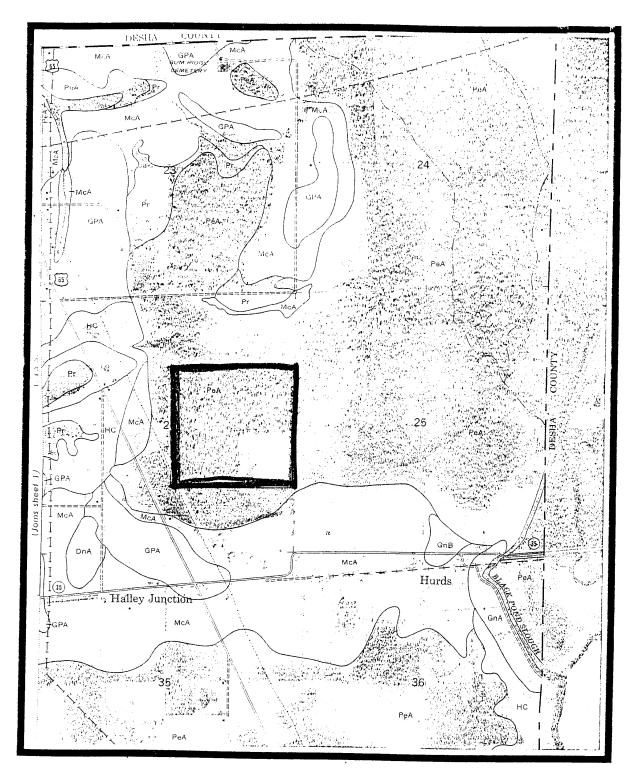
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II			REA	L EST	TATE S	ALES	DAT	Ά				
Buyer Grassy Lake, LLC Seller Brokenburn, Inc.		s	ale #8		12	e of Tra /04/20 Deed	003	Contract	Town or Nearest Town Tallulah County East Carroll			
	IDENTIFI	vp., Rge., wi	hen applicab	ie)				ACRES OR LOTS	State Louis:	iana CONSIDER		
A tract of land located in Section 10 and 11, 79.03  Township 18 North, Range 12 East, 70TAL ACRES OR LOTS CONVEYED 79.03										Amount Stated \$ 134, Federal Stamps \$ State Stamps \$ Assumed Mortgage \$		
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KIND OF BUILDING	BUILT	STRUC- TION	OF ROOF	TION	OR AREA OF GROUNI FLOOR	-	BUILD- ING	MENT COSTS	REMAIN ING	MENT VALUE	TORY- VALUE	
(1) A, * DWELLINGS B,	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10) <u>%</u>	\$ (11)	(12)	
C D E F												
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USE OF LAND (1)	ACRE		OIL DES	CRIPTION	DEPTH TOPSO (4)	DIL	KIND OF SUBSOIL (5)	TOPOGRAPH'	Y PER ACRE (7)		JE TOTAL (8)	
CROPLAND									\$		\$	
TOTAL CROPLAND PERM. PASTURE												
WOODLAND FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC.	79	.03 Sh			10''	C	lay	0-1%slope		1,706	134,825	
TOTAL  COMMENTS: (Include any hazard  East Carroll Parish,  consist of a slough of	just w	s or limiting o	U.S.	Hwy 65	. Proope	rtv wa	as purc	hased for h	uthern	end of		



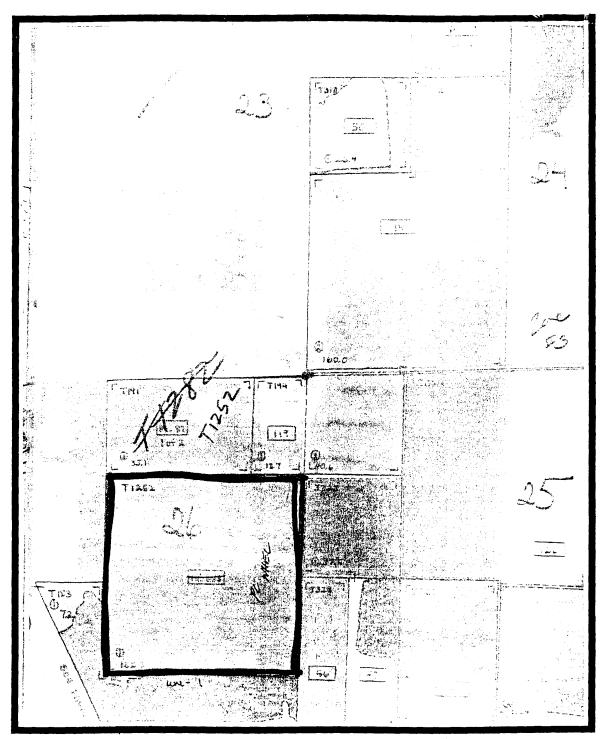
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Seller	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION						II.
A company   Sale #9   10/25/2004   Demott   County   Co	ΓΕ SALES DATA	ATE S#	LEST	REA			
A tract of land located in Section 26,   166.279   Amount Stated   A tract of land located in Section 26,   166.279   Amount Stated   State Stamps   State State Stamps   State	10/25/2004 Dermott County Deed Contract Chicot	10/2		le #9	Sa		Arguma Seller Robert A. Wilson
A - DWELLINGS   A - DWELLING	ACRES CONSIDERATION		e)	hen applicable	wp., Rge., wh	IDENTIFI	
MINERAL RIGHTS   S/AC   Water Rights   X   Yes   No   ACTUAL PRICE   \$   Consideration Verified V CB 24   PG 173	166.279         Amount Stated         \$ 259           Federal Stamps         \$           State Stamps         \$			on 26,	Section Sectio	ated in Range 3	A tract of land loca Township 13 South, R
RUILDINGS   CONTRIBUTORY VALUE OF BUILDINGS AT TIME SOLD	S X Yes No ACTUAL PRICE \$ 259, Consideration Verified With CB 24, PG 173						MINERAL RIGHTS % TERMS OF SALE
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C	LOOR	FLOOR	TION			(2)	A. * DWELLINGS
FACILITIES	10,000 60 6,000 6,						C
USE OF LAND  ACRES SOIL DESCRIPTION TOPSOIL  (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)  PER ACRE PER ACRE PER ACRE PER ACRE (7)  CROPLAND Class III Soil 162.3 PeA 5'' Claty 0-1%slope 1,551   JOTAL CROPLAND PERM. PASTURE  WOODLAND FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC. 3.979 TOTAL 166.279  MARKET VALUE OF LAND \$  COMMENTS: (Include any hazards, detriments or limiting conditions) The property is located east of Dermoth	Central Heat Septic Tank Sewer Electricity		AND V		NTRIBU		
Class III Soil 162.3 PeA 5'' Claty 0-1%slope 1,551  TOTAL CROPLAND 162.30 PERM, PASTURE  WOODLAND FARMSTEAD 3.979 TOTAL 166.279  MARKET VALUE OF LAND \$  COMMENTS: (Include any hazards, detriments or limiting conditions) The property is located east of Dermoth	DEPTH OF   KIND OF   SUBSOIL   TOPOGRAPHY   PER ACRE   TOTAL   (4)   (5)   (6)   (7)   (8)	DEPTH C	RIPTION	OIL DESC	S S	ACRE	(1)
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FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC. 3.979 TOTAL 166.279  COMMENTS: (Include any hazards, detriments or limiting conditions) The property is located east of Detmott					2.30	162	
TOTAL 166.279 MARKET VALUE OF LAND \$  COMMENTS: (Include any hazards, detriments or limiting conditions) The property is located east of Detmott	370 1,						FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC.
105 acres with a government payment yield of 3572#/acre and a soybean base of 57.3 acres with government payment yield of 19bu/acre.							

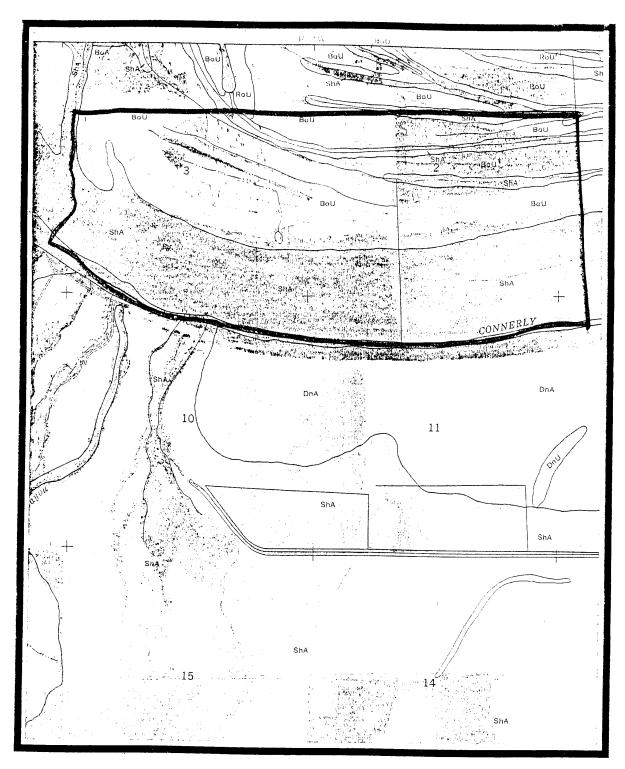


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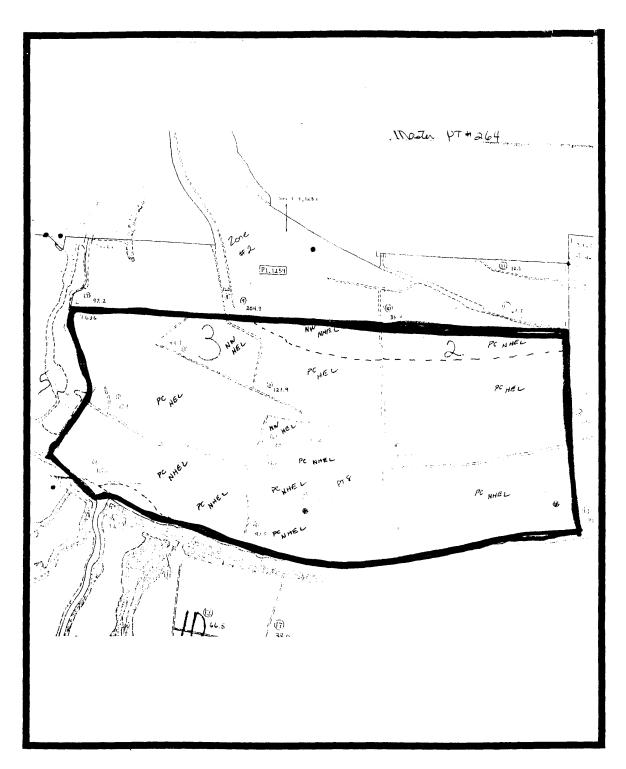


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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE **FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION REAL ESTATE SALES DATA** Buyer Date of Transfer Town or Nearest Town Brent Griffin Sale #10 7/16/2004 Lake Village Seller County Farris McGinnis x Deed ☐ Contract Chicot Property commonly known as: State Arkansas IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY ACRES CONSIDERATION (Use Sec., Twp., Rge., when applicable) OR LOTS A tract of land located in Sections 1,2,3,4,10,11 and 12, 464 Amount Stated \$ 475,000 Township 15 South, Range 2 West. Federal Stamps State Stamps TOTAL ACRES OR LOTS CONVEYED 464 % \$/AC Water Rights X Yes No Assumed Mortgage | \$ MINERAL RIGHTS ACTUAL PRICE \$ 475,000 TERMS OF SALE Consideration Verified With Cash Sale - Sale was for undivided interest in 1064.72 acre tract. CB X23, P63 BUILDINGS CONTRIBUTORY VALUE OF BUILDINGS AT TIME SOLD KIND SIZE CONDI-USEFUL CON-CON-KIND DIMENSION ΩF TION YEAR PLACE-LIFE REPLACE-TRIBU KIND OF BUILDING STRUC-OF FOUN-OR AREA STOR OF BUILT MENT REMAIN MENT TORY-TION OF GROUND | IES ROOF DA-BUILD-COSTS ING VALUE VALUE TION FLOOR ING (1) (3) (2) (10) (11) (9) (12) (8) A. \* DWELLINGS Ç... D, TOTALS Gas Water Central Heat Septic Tank CONTRIBUTORY LAND VALUES BY MARKET ABSTRACTION DEPTH OF | KIND OF VAĻUE USE OF LAND ACRES SOIL DESCRIPTION TOPOGRAPHY (1) TOPSOIL SUBSOIL PER ACRE TOTAL (2) (6) (4) (5) (7) (8) CROPLAND 4'' - 6'' Clay Class III Soils 450 BoU, ShA 0-3%slope 471,150 TOTAL CROPLAND PERM. PASTURE WOODLAND FARMSTEAD ROADS, ETC. 3,850 TOTAL 464.000 475,000 MARKET VALUE OF LAND COMMENTS: (Include any hazards, detriments or limiting conditions) The property is located north of Lake Village. Property has two easements for access to the property. No improvments are located on this property. Property has a cotton base of 201.2 acres with a government payment yield of 653#/ac. and a soybean base of 226.1 acres with a government payment yield of 20bu/acre and a wheat base of 24.8 acres with a government payment yield of 41bu/acre. Crop bases have been estimated since this sale is for an undivided interest in a larger farm tract.

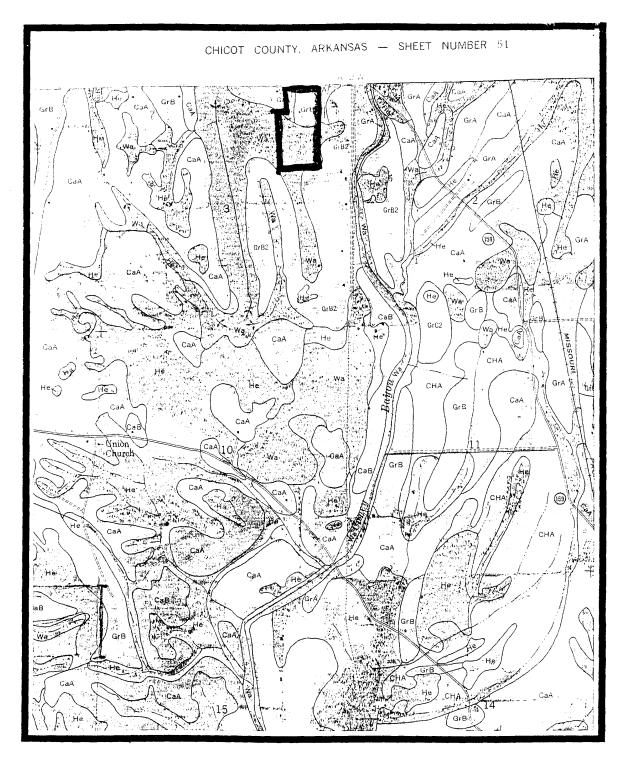


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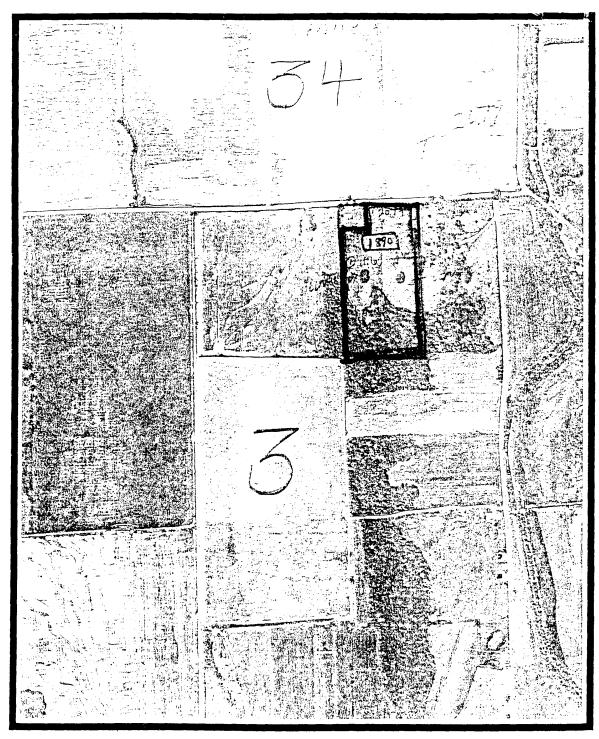


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Seller			Z75 2		.   -/.=	.±/	<del>-</del>		County		
Delta Trust Bank					x	Deed		Contract		<u>t</u>	
Property commonly known a	s:						-		State		
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Township 18 South, F	Range 2	Wes	t.							Stated	\$ 38,000
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1 TO	TAL ACR	ES OR	LOTS_CO	NVEYED	***		17			d Mortgage	
MINERAL RIGHTS %		\$/	AC	. Water F	Rights	X Yes		No			\$ 38,000
TERMS OF SALE  Cash Deed									1	ration Verifie	
l Deed				<del></del>	BUILDING				CB M∠.	3, PG 737	<i>y</i>
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KIND OF BUILDING	BUILT	STRU		FOUN-	OR AREA	STOR-		PLACE- MENT	LIFE REMAIN	REPLACE- MENT	TRIBU
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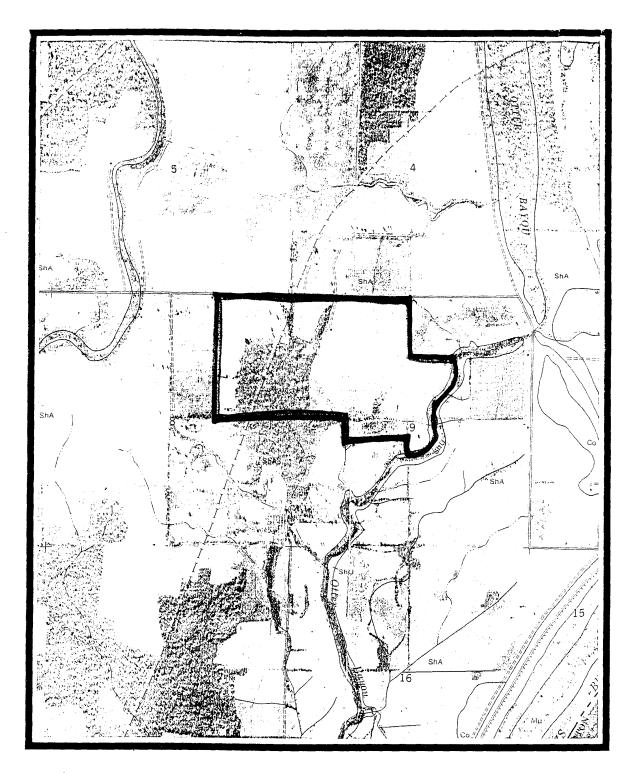


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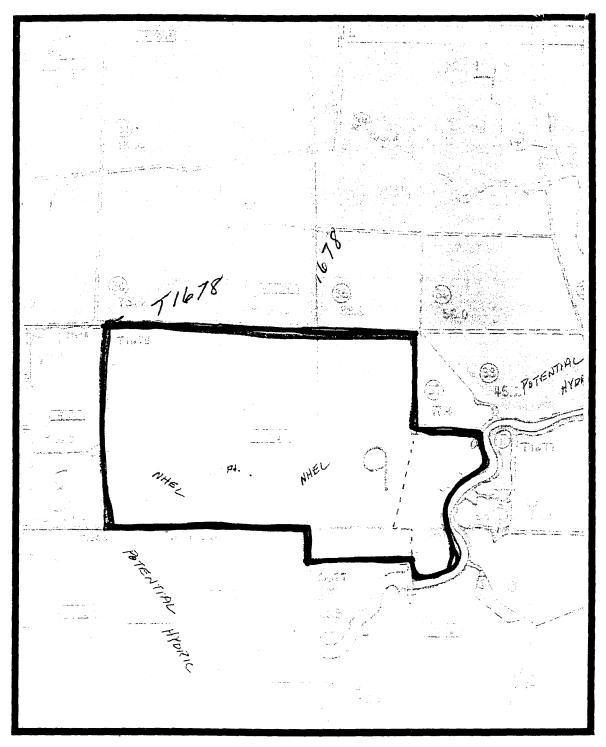


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### **VACANT LOT SALE #13:**

Vendor:	Eudora Baptist Church
Vendee:	Austin Page, Inc.
Date of Sale:	07/27/04
Location:	Corner of Archer & Myrtle Street, Eudora, Arkansas
Brief Legal Description:	West 121' of Lots 271 & 272 of Original Plat of Eudora, AR
Size:	100' x 121', containing 12,100 SF
Zoning:	
	Residential
Estimated Highest and Best Use:	Residential Use
Consideration:	\$2,500
Land Value/SF:	\$.21/SF
Terms of Sale:	Cash Sale
Recordation Data:	CB X23, PG 524, records of Chicor County, Arkansas

### **VACANT LOT SALE #14:**

Vendor:	David Johnson
Vendee:	Lucille Gant, et al
Date of Sale:	01/08/04
Location:	1403 Academy Street in Eudora, Arkansas
Brief Legal Description:	Lot 2 and the North 25' of Lot 3, Block 5 of Academy Addition to the Town of Eudora, Arkansas
Size:	85' x 150', containing 12,750 SF
Zoning:	Residential
Estimated Highest and Best Use:	Residential Use
Consideration:	\$4,000
Land Value/SF:	\$.31/SF
Terms of Sale:	Cash Sale
Recordation Data:	CB K23, PG 59, records of Chicot County, Arkansas

### **VACANT LOT SALE #15:**

Vendor:	Village Plaza, Inc.
Vendee:	City of Lake Village
Date of Sale:	10/15/04
Location:	U.S. 65/Hwy 82, Lake Village, Arkansas
Brief Legal Description:	A parcel of land located in Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 2 West.
Size:	75' x 300', containing 22,500 SF
Zoning:	Commercial
Estimated Highest and Best Use:	Commercial Use
Consideration:	\$32,000
Land Value/SF:	\$ 1.42/SF
Terms of Sale:	Cash Sale
Recordation Data:	CB A24, PG 3, records of Chicot County, Arkansas

### **VACANT LOT SALE #16:**

Vendor:	Simmons First Bank
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Vendee:	Village Plaza, Inc.
Date of Sale:	10/13/04
Location:	U.S. 65/Hwy 82, Lake Village, Arkansas
Brief Legal Description:	A parcel of land located in Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 2 West.
Size:	150' x 300', containing 45,000 SF
Zoning:	Commercial
Estimated Highest and Best Use:	Commercial Use
Consideration:	\$64,000
Land Value/SF:	\$ 1.42/SF
Terms of Sale:	Cash Sale
Recordation Data:	CB A24, PG 1, records of Chicot County, Arkansas

### **VACANT LOT SALE #17:**

Vendor:	William S. Borgognoni
Vendee:	Charles L. Allen
Date of Sale:	3/15/2000
Location:	U.S. 65/Hwy 82, Lake Village, Arkansas
Brief Legal Description:	A parcel of land located in Section 15 Township 16 South, Range 2 West, located in Lot #8 of the Chanticleer Plantation.
Size:	100' x 298.25', containing 29,825 SF
Zoning:	Commercial
Estimated Highest and Best Use:	Commercial Use
Consideration:	\$47,500
Land Value/SF:	\$ 1.59/SF
Terms of Sale:	Cash Sale
Recordation Data:	CB H21, PG 371, records of Chicot County, Arkansas

**CONTINGENT AND LIMITING CONDITIONS:** The certificate of the appraiser appearing in the appraisal report is subject to the following conditions and to such other specific and limiting conditions as are set forth by the appraiser in the report.

- 1. No responsibility is assumed for the legal description provided or for matters pertaining to legal or title considerations. Title to the property is assumed to be good and marketable unless otherwise stated.
- 2. Any sketch, maps, or plats in the report may show approximate dimensions and included to assist the reader in visualizing the property. The appraiser has made no survey of the property.
- 3. The appraiser is not required to give testimony or appear in court because of having made the appraisal with reference to the property in questions, unless arrangements have been previously made therefore.
- 4. The appraiser assumes that there are no hidden or unapparent conditions of the property, subsoil, or structures, which would render it more or less valuable. The appraiser assumes no responsibility for such conditions, or for engineering which might be required to discover such factors.
- 5. Information, estimates, and opinions furnished to the appraiser and contained in the report were obtained from sources considered reliable and believed to be true and correct. However, no responsibility for accuracy of such items furnished to the appraiser can be assumed by the appraiser.
- 6. Neither all, nor any part of the contents of the report, or copy thereof shall be used for any purpose by anyone but the client specified in the report, without the written consent of the appraiser, nor shall it be conveyed by anyone to the public through advertising, public relations, sales, news, or other media.
- 7. On all appraisals subject to the satisfactory completion, repairs, or alterations, the appraisal report and value conclusions are contingent upon completion of the improvements in a workmanlike manner.
- 8. The value estimated in this report is based on the assumption that the property is not negatively affected by the existence of hazardous substances or detrimental environmental conditions. The appraiser is not an expert in the identification of hazardous substances or detrimental environmental conditions. It is possible that tests and inspections made by a qualified hazardous substance and environmental expert would reveal the existence of hazardous materials and environmental conditions on or around the property that would negatively affect its value. The value determined in this report for the subject property is predicated on the assumption that there is no such hazardous waste or any type of environmental concern that would cause a loss in value. The client may obtain an expert in this field, if so desired.
  - 9. The value determined in this report for the subject property is based on an fee simple estate.
- 10. All conclusions and opinions concerning the real estate that are set forth in the appraisal report were prepared by the appraiser whose signature appears on the appraisal report.

### **CERTIFICATE:** The appraiser certifies and agrees that:

- 1. The appraiser has no present or contemplated future interest in the property appraised and neither the employment to make the appraisal, nor the compensation for it is contingent upon the appraisal value of the property.
- 2. The appraiser has no present interest in or bias with respect to the subject matter of the appraisal report or the participants to the sale. The "Estimate of Market Value" in the appraisal report is not based in whole or in part upon the race, color, or national origin of the present owners or occupants.
- 3. The appraiser has personally inspected the property both inside and out and has made an exterior inspection of all comparable sales listed in the report. To the best of the appraiser's knowledge and belief, all statements and information in this report are true and correct and the appraiser has not knowingly withheld any significant information.
- 4. All conclusions and opinions concerning the real estate that are set forth in the appraisal report were prepared by the appraiser whose signature appears on the appraisal report.
- 5. The analyses, opinions and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared in conformity with the requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics and the Standards of Professional Practices of the Appraisal Foundation.
- 6. The use of this report is subject to the requirements of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, relating to review by its duly authorized representatives.
- 7. The appraisal assignment given to the appraiser was not based upon a minimum valuation, special valuation, or the approval of a loan.
- 8. No personal property, fixtures or intangible items that are not real estate have been valued in this report.
- 9. My analyses, opinions and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared in conformity with the requirements of the State of Louisiana for state certified real estate appraisers.
- 10. The use of this report is subject to the requirements of the State of Louisiana, relating to review by the Real Estate Appraisal Subcommittee of the Louisiana Real Estate Commission.
- 11. My compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.

- 12. This appraisal conforms to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP) adopted by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation.
- 13. The final value estimate of the subject property as of November 5, 2004, is as follows:

Tract I - 362.50 acres

@ \$1,200/acre = \$435,000

Tract II - 1,174,750 SF

\$305,000

Tract III - 132,000 SF Total:

@\$1.42/SF =

\$187,000 \$927,000

ROBERT W. LOWE, JR.

Louisiana State General Real Estate

Appraiser #G0345

Arkansas State Certified General

Appraiser #CG1320N

EFFECTIVE DATE OF VALUATION

DATE OF REPORT

### **QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPRAISER**

Robert W. Lowe, Jr. 3592 Front Street Winnsboro, Louisiana 71295 (318) 435-3667

### **EDUCATION:**

B. S Building Construction, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA. Courses completed by the Appraisal Institute:	December/1980
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- Real Estate Appraisal Principals (1A-1/8-1), Ft. Worth, TX	June/1987
- Residential Valuation - (8-2), Denton, TX	August/1987
- Standards of Professional Practices - (SPP), Nashville, TN	July/1988
- Basic Valuation Procedures (1A2), Athens, GA	March/1989
<ul> <li>Capitalization Theory &amp; Techniques - Part A (1B-A),</li> <li>Boulder, CO</li> </ul>	October/1989
<ul> <li>Capitalization Theory &amp; Techniques - Part B (1B-B), Boulder, CO</li> </ul>	October/1989
- Standards of Professional Practices - Part A, Metarie, LA	August/1993
- Standards of Professional Practices - Part B, Metarie, LA	August/1993
Courses completed by the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers:	
- Principals of Rural Appraisals (A-20), Jeffersonville, IN	July/1990
- Advanced Rural Appraisals (A-30), Memphis, TN	September/1990
- Report Writing School (A-15), Kansas City, MO	May/1991
- Code of Ethics (A-12 Part I), Louisville, KY	December/2002
- Eminent Domain (A-25), Atlanta, GA	
- Highest & Best Use (A-29), Atlanta, GA	August/2004
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<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS:</b>	
"Evaluating Residential Construction", Natchez, MS	March/1989
"Revised FNMA Guidelines", Jackson, MS	October/1988
"Understanding and Completing the New Small Residential	April/1991
Income Property Appraisal Report", Monroe, La. "Applies Sales Comparison Approach", Baton Rouge, La.	
"Environmental Site Assessment", Lake Charles, La	April/1992
"Introduction to the URAR Appraisal Report", New Orleans, La.	October/1992
"FIRREA Compliance for Fee Appraisers", Baton Rouge, La.	January/1993 April/1993
"The Appraiser as Expert Witness", New Orleans, LA	January/1995
"FHA Appraiser Training", Shreveport, LA	January/1995
"General Appraisal Principals and Current Topics", Monroe, LA "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices",	November/1995
Bossier City, LA	August/1996
"USPAP Part I and Part II", Bossier City, LA	August/1996
"Real Estate Market Conditions and Realty Court", Monroe, LA "Due Diligence", Monroe, LA	October/1996
"Income Approach Seminar", Vicksburg, Mississippi	October/1996
"Win Total 2000", Dallas, Texas	February/1997
"Appraising Broiler Grower Farms"	May/1999 February/2004
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### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Louisiana State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser #G0345. June/1991 Arkansas State Certified General Real Estate Appaiser #CG1320N November/2004

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATES:**

Candidate of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Louisiana Real Estate Broker's License	1996
Louisiana Notary Public	1995
Louisiana Real Estate Salesman License	1989
Appraiser/President - Robert Lowe & Associates, Inc.	1988-Present
Masonry Estimator - Merit Masonry	1984-88
Building Department Office Manager - Brown & Root	1982-84
Cost Engineer, Field Cost Estimator, Backcharge Estimator -	1981-82
Brown & Root	

### **PROPERTY TYPES APPRAISED:**

Single Family Dwellings	Agricultural Farmland
Metal Buildings	Vacant Land
Retail Buildings	Catfish Ponds
Office Buildings	Churches
Medical Office Buildings	Special Purpose Buildings
č	Right-of-Ways

### **PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS:**

Rural Development Citizens Progressive Bank Countrywide Home Loans Sabine State Bank & Trust Co.

### **LENDING INSTITUTIONS**

Winnsboro State Bank & Trust Company	Samuel T. Singer
Progressive Bank	Michael Kramer
Franklin State Bank & Trust Company	Myrt Hales, Jr
Bank One	McIntyre, McIntyre & McIntyre
City National Mortgage Co.	Ed Lee, Jr.
Hibernia National Bank	Percy Ford, Jr.
Chase Manhattan Mortgage	George Griffing
BancorpSouth	Hudson, Potts & Bernstein
PHH US Mortgage	Stephen Dean
Concordia Bank	McGlinchey Stafford
Homeland Federal Savings Bank	
Farm Service Agency	OTHERS:

### **OTHERS:**

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Re/Source Partners, Inc.
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Atlantic Assurance
Mississippi Title& Appraisal
Individual Clients

**ATTORNEYS AT LAW** 

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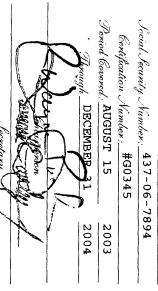
### Certified General

Louisiana Real Estate Sppraiser License is hereby granted to 51, and Amendatory Acts, and the Real Estate Appraisers Board Rules and Regulations, a Having complied with the license requirements as set forth in R.S. 1950 Title 37, Chapter

ROBERT W. LOWE, JR.

Louisiana Real Estate Shpraisers Board In Testimony Whereof, This License has been issued by the Authority of the





### **ARKANSAS**



### Appraiser Licensing & Certification Board

101 East Capitol ■ Suite 430 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

November 9, 2004

Robert W. Lowe, Jr. 3592 Front Street Winnsboro, LA 71295

Dear Mr. Lowe,

The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board reviewed your application for Non-Resident status and has determined that you meet all the requirements established by ACT 541 of 1991 and its attendant "Rules and Regulations". The Board hereby grants authority for you to appraise real estate as a Non-Resident licensure in Arkansas as a "CERTIFIED GENERAL APPRAISER".

As recipient of a Non-Resident State designation, you are being assigned the exclusive number <a href="CG1320N">CG1320N</a> which only you are authorized to affix, along with your signature, on all signature pages of original estimates, reports, documents or other instruments which are prepared by you or under your direction. This distinguishing number will acknowledge that your competency has been demonstrated to a State Agency and that your professional conduct may be subject to regulatory supervision. This number, along with your name <a href="musst">musst</a> be incorporated into a seal or stamp approved by the Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, which you will affix to all appraisal documents so long as such certification has not been suspended or revoked.

We have enclosed your Arkansas Certificate for display, an identifying pocket card, and the source of an approved sample seal. While waiting for your seal, you may attach a copy of this letter to any report as evidence of your holding a valid certificate, qualifying as an appraiser in a Federally Related Transaction.

This certificate authorizes you to perform appraisal services in Arkansas for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance or unless suspended or revoked. Please contact the Board's office should you have questions.

ARKANSAS

Sincerely,

APPRAISER I.R'ENSING & CERTIFICATION BOARD

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# APPRAISER LICENSING & CERTIFICATION BOARD

Attest That

ROBERT W. LOWE, JR.

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On this date was certified as a

STATE CERTIFIED GENERAL APPRAISER

The Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board hereby affirms that this Certificate is issued in accordance with all the requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated, Section § 17-14-101 et seq., and subsequently adopted "Rules" and Regulations" and shall remain in force when properly supported by a current pocket identification card.

NOVEMBER 9, 2004

Date Issued

Chairman, AAE & CB

CG13205V

Certificate Number

### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF LOUISIANA	)
	) SS:
MADISON PARISH	)

WILLIAM P. WAINRIGHT, being duly swom on oath, deposes and states that he has read the foregoing statement, that he knows the contents thereof, and that the facts therein stated are true and correct.

WILLIAM P. WAINRIGHT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3 day of January, 2005.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: at my death

PHYLLIS WILLIAMS NOTARY PUBLIC, ID# 60350 MADISON PARISH, LOUISIANA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AT DEATH

### VERIFIED STATEMENT OF STEPHEN A. NORTH

My name is Stephen A. North, Esq.. I am a partner with the law firm of Hudson, Potts & Bernstein, L.L.P., 1800 Hudson Lane, Suite 300, Monroe, LA 71201. I am licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana having been admitted to the State Bar of Louisiana in 1992. A substantial portion of my practice involves real estate matters and examinations of titles to real property. I am very familiar with matters of title to railroad lands.

I have served as General Counsel to Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. ("DSR") since 1999 when engaged to assist in the acquisition of DSR's railroad properties. As a result, I am familiar with DSR's rail line assets.

Recently, I was engaged by DSR to review the Request of Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Lake Providence Port Commission and Madison Parish Port Commission For The Board to Establish Conditions And Amount of Compensation (the "Request") filed in the matter bearing Docket No. AB-384 (SUB-No. 1X) a copy of which was delivered to me on Monday, January 3, 2005. Specifically, it was requested that I review the Affidavit (with exhibits) of Mr. J.W. Porter of J.W. Porter & Associates, L.L.C. accompanying the Request as Attachment A and to agree or disagree with the opinions of Mr. Porter as set forth therein.

I have reviewed the Affidavit of Mr. J.W. Porter and the exhibits attached thereto which consist of deed indexes together with four (4) photocopies of instruments filed of record in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana and seven (7) photocopies of instruments filed of record in Chicot County, Arkansas. These instruments, along with the acreage described respectively in each are

### summarized as follows:

<u>Instrument</u>	County/Parish	Filing Book/Page	Acreage Described
1.	East Carroll	V/166	11.40
2.	East Carroll	V/168	10.17
3.	East Carroll	V/170	4.46
4.	East Carroll	V/171	24.20
5.	Chicot	W-1/510	3.00
6.	Chicot	W-1/511	.57
7.	Chicot	W-1/513	1.86
8.	Chicot	W-1/514	N/A
9.	Chicot	W-1/515	3.00
10.	Chicot	W-1/516	3.00
11.	Chicot	W-1/517	3.00
	Total Acreage:		64.66

No acreage has been assigned in respect of the instrument identified as No. 8 above as the land described therein is located north of Milepost Marker 433 and therefore not included within the 30-mile segment which is the subject of this proceeding.

I agree with Mr. Porter that each of the instruments described above are likely to be construed as having granted only a right-of-way or easement over the lands described therein and that the instruments likely did not convey ownership of the lands in full ownership. As a result, I have located the lands described in each of these instruments on the maps attached to the appraisal prepared by Robert W. Lowe of Robert Lowe & Associates, Inc. of Winnsboro, Louisiana and have concluded that the entirety of the 64.66 acres of land described in such instruments are located in Tract I as defined in Mr. Lowe's appraisal, that is, agricultural farmland.

Notwithstanding my agreement with Mr. Porter's interpretation of the foregoing instruments, I disagree with his conclusion that all instruments filed of record in East Carroll

Parish, Louisiana and Chicot County, Arkansas relative to the 30-mile segment (except for two which he acknowledges conveys a total of .82 acres in full ownership) are conveyances or grants of easements or rights of way only.

Mr. Porter's conclusion appears to be based upon the assumption that since the eleven (11) instruments attached to his Affidavit did not convey full ownership, neither did all deeds with the exception of the two that he noted. To the contrary, each deed filed of record in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana and Chicot County, Arkansas pertaining to DSR's 30-mile segment must be examined and interpreted on its own.

Louisiana courts have long recognized that "a 'railroad right-of-way' may consist either of the fee or merely of a right of passage and use, or 'servitude', and whether the one or the other is meant in any particular instrument must be gathered from the instrument as a whole."

Arkansas Imp. Co. v. Kansas City Southern Ry. Co., 181 So. 445, 189 La. 921 (1938). See also Conway v. Crowell Land & Mineral Corp., 635 So.2d 544 (La. App. 3d. Cir. 1994).

Furthermore, a reference in a deed to a "right-of-way" or "for railroad purposes" does not necessarily indicate that the intent was to convey a mere easement or servitude, but the intention must be ascertained by construing the instrument as a whole." Id. As a result, each deed comprising the 30-mile segment stands on its own and each must be reviewed independently of any other.

Similarly, Arkansas courts have recognized that use of the term "right-of-way" or other limiting language such as "for railroad purposes only" does not preclude a determination that a particular instrument conveys full ownership. Again, each such instrument must be examined to ascertain the intent of the parties based upon numerous factors. See *Coleman v. Missouri Pacific* 

Railroad Co., 745 S.W.2d 622, 294 Ark. 633 (1988); Lynch v. Cypert, 302 S.W.2d 284, 227 Ark. 907 (1957).

In the limited time between my receipt of the Request and the due date for DSR's reply thereto, I have reviewed many of the deeds filed of record in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana and Chicot County, Arkansas relative to the 30-mile segment at issue. Some of these instruments use the term "right-of-way" and some do not. Some of the instruments appear to limit the use of the property "for railroad purposes" and some do not. In certain instances, spouses join as parties to the instruments filed in Chicot County, Arkansas to expressly waive all rights of dower and homestead which is not indicative of the grant of a right-of way. Clearly, these matters confirm the necessity for an independent examination of each instrument as opposed to a broad assertion that all conveyed only a right-of-way.

Conceding that Mr. Porter's construction of the instruments attached to his Affidavit is correct, the value of the 64.66 described therein should be excluded from Mr. Lowe's vaulation. These lands were appraised by Mr. Lowe at \$1,200.00 per acre and Mr. Lowe's valuation should accordingly be reduced by \$77,592.00 (\$1,200.00 x 64.66 acres).

### VERIFICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA	)
	) SS
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STEPHEN A. NORTH, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he has read the foregoing statement, that he knows the contents thereof, and that the facts therein stated are true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

day of January, 2005.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: at de as

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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